Britain

is not for

burning,

Hurd

says

By MICHAEL KNIPE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN had no intention of

being "burned at the stake" as

a heretic because it did not

agree with considerable portions of the Delors plan for European monetary inte-gration, said Douglas Hurd.

the foreign secretary yesterday

on his return from the Euro-

He was reacting to a warn-

ing by Jacques Delors, the president of the European

Commission, at the end of the

summit, that the rest of the

community would be pre-

pared to provoke a "second

political crisis" over Britain's

M Delors comments were

an unexpected sign of irrita-

tion following the success of

John Major in demonstrating

a new style of presentation for

Britain's policies towards

M Delors, who said he was distrustful of Britain's pro-

posals, was believed to be

concerned that other countries

might swing behind the Brit-ish proposal. But Mr Hurd,

speaking on BBC Radio 4's

The World This Weekend,

said Britain had achieved

"quite a useful outcome" at

the summit.
"The skill with which the

Prime Minister handled it was

a main contribution to that,"

he said. "We showed we can

have a continuous policy to-

wards Europe which is

constructive and can be ar-

gued through in a reasonable

Mr Hurd said that this

created exactly the right at-

mosphere for the Chancellor,

Norman Lamont, and himself

to go into the inter-gov-

ernmental conferences respec-

tively on political union and

economic and monetary

M Delors's plans for eco-

nomic union could not be

regarded as some kind of

sacred writ, said Mr Hurd.
"We do not feel it is heresy or

a sin to suggest that that too

needs to be questioned and

examined. We have no inten-

tion of being burned at the

stake as heretics because we

do not agree with considerable

portions of the Delors plan as

"I do not believe that

anything in the Community is

inevitable. I do not think the

Community is like a river just

sweeping all its members in-

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Economy in deep recession, CBI reports

Pressure grows for early cut in interest rates

By Nicholas Wood and Colin Narbrough

THE economy is plung-ing into a deep recession, businesses are facing a "tough new year". He said: "We are according to a report published today by the Confederation of British Industry.

It shows that firms are than at any time since the to conserve their resources. economic downturn of the early 1980s, with three were echoed by Paul Tosch, companies expecting output to fail for every one

expecting a rise. The CBI report immediately led to growing pressure on the government from the Labour party, industry, and even some of its own backbenchers, to sanction an early cut in interest rates.

It comes after a week of economic statistics which suggest that deep recession is at hand. Government figures last Friday showed the fall in manufacturing output gathering pace, falling by 3 per cent in the year to October. The report also follows the 58,000 rise in the number of jobless in November, the biggest jump in nine years. Friday's sharp fall in inflation also suggests

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that recession is biting. David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI economic situation committee, said

INSIDE

Nadir still with police

Asil Nadir, chairman of Polly Peck International, the collapsed international trading company, was still being interviewed by police last night after his arrest at Heathrow

Trading in Polly Peck shares was halted in September after the Serious Fraud Office raided the offices of a Nadir family trust Page 21

Seebohm dies



Lord Seebohm, the banker and social work innovator, has died after being involved in a road accident. He was 81. A former deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, he came from one of the great Quaker families Obituary, Page 12

Green step

The greening of Whitehall took a giant step when nearly 40 senior officials from 10 government departments, including six permanent secretaries, met to talk about the environment

The after life

Is there life after Margaret Thatcher? Times specialists examine where any changes of style and substance might become apparent in the next few months

TV go-ahead

The BBC World Service is to expand into television news early next year with daily bulletins available via satellite to television and cable operators in 22 countries Page 7

Double defeat

England's cricketers lost for the second successive day in the World Series Cup as Dean Jones scored 145 to help Australia beat the visitors by ... Page 32 37 runs....

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looking to the chancellor for cuts in interest rates as soon as possible to encourage manucturing investment."

Figures for manufacturing investment to be published gloomier about production this week are expected to show over the next four months a sharp fall, as firms cut back Mr Wigglesworth's views

managing director of Vaux-hall, as car industry bosses contemplated unpublished figures for December from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders showing sales slumping 20 per cent in the early part of the month with the prospect of worse to come. Mr Tosch said: "We believe the first half of next year is going to be depressed and it is only after a change in interest rates that will will see

some recovery." Industry's demands for an easing of the credit squeeze were publicly backed by Labour. More worrying for the government, some Tory MPs are becoming increasingly alarmed about the electoral effects of a prolonged and painful recession in the run-up to the next election.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that the government had put themselves in an unenviable dilemma because market confidence in the economy and ministers' handling of it was so low.

"They fear pressure on the pound if they cut interest rates, but I believe the market has already discounted a prospective cut in interest rates, and they should there that the government should fore now cut interest rates.

"I think we are hitting a very serious recession. Unemployment will continue to rise training will continue to be cut back, and investment will be cut back."

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Tory MP for Birmingham Selly Oak and a member of the cross-party Treasury select committee, said he was in no doubt that businessmen were gloomier than at any time since 1980-1.

"If interest rates go on as. they are now, there will be quite a few more hundred thousand people unemployed and quite a few thousand companies will bite the dust." The CBI monthly survey is

the sixth in a row to indicate deteriorating expectations about the volume of output. While 44 per cent of the respondents anticipate falling production, only 14 per cent expect a rise. The negative balance of 30 per cent is the worst since December 1980. In November, the negative balance was 23 per cent after

17 per cent in October.
Giles Radice, Labour MP for Durham North and a fellow member of the Treasury committee, called for a "negotiated devaluation" within the ERM to give a rate for steeling that the steeling for sterling that could be defended without crippling the whole economy".

The select committee is due to meet today to agree a final draft of its report on the chancellor's autumn statement. The report, to be published on Thursday, is bound to be critical of government handling of the economy and could intensify the pressure on Norman Lamont, the chancellor, by making recom-

mendations along the lines suggested by the two MPs. Another senior Tory back-bencher with close links with the Treasury said it had been crazy to join the ERM at the central rate of DM2.95 and the government would have to pull out or devalue. "It's one thing to shut inefficient industries, to cut out the fat as we did in 1981; it's quite another thing to shut efficient industries. That's what we are in danger of doing now."

But Sir William Clark,

chairman of the backbench Tory finance committee, said not be panicked into an interest-rate cut now.

He predicted that interest rates would fall early in the further confirmation of last week's figures showing that inflation had peaked. Last week, Mr Lamont ap-

peared to rule out an early cut in interest rates, when he made clear that maintaining sterling's value within the ERM, where it is near the bottom of its band, was his main priority. Many MPs saw his remarks as an attempt to talk the pound up and so give himself scope for an interest rate reduction before long.

Mortgage shock, page 21

Envoys leave flag flying in Kuwait

By OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ish ambassador in Kuwait, and Larry Banks, the consul, flew out of the occupied city yesterday, leaving the British flag flying over the embassy compound where they had been besieged for III days. The British diplomats, the

last Western officials to resist Iragi pressure for the withdrawal of diplomatic immunity, flew to Baghdad on an Iraqi Airways shuttle. They are expected to fly on to London within a few days. Foreign Office officials said the embassy was remaining open in a formal sense as the diplomats were being with-

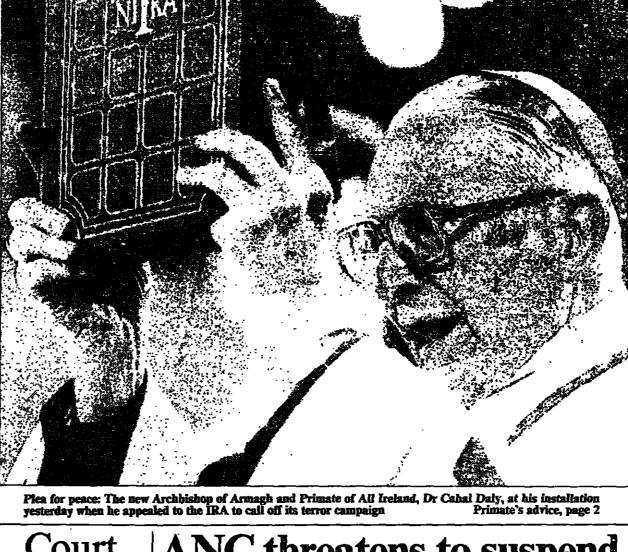
drawn temporarily.
They emphasised that the term "closed" was not being used and that was why the flag was left flying. The embassy was "formally open with the

MICHAEL Weston, the Brit- British government continuing to recognise the legitimate government of Kuwait and rejecting Iraq's illegal

occupation." Mr Weston and Mr Banks had made the embassy compound secure before leaving and under the terms of the Vienna Convention it was regarded as inviolable. The diplomats were

accompanied to Baghdad by ten British citizens - six adults and four children. Sources in Whitehall timate that there are about 40 British nationals left in Kuwait most of whom are either women married to Kuwaitis

or men with Kuwaiti wives Continued on page 20, col 6 Peace efforts, page 9 Letters, page 11 Heath's mission, page 20



Court asked for Sunday shop ban

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE shopworkers' union, Usdaw, will today apply to the High Court for injunctions to prevent shops opening illeg-ally on Sundays as increasing numbers have been doing in the run-up to Christmas. Yesterday, many leading

High Street retailers, including the jewellers, Ratners and H Samuel, and the BHS defiance of the law.

Audrey Wise, the Labour MP for Preston, who is sponsored by Usdaw, said yester-day: "I am delighted that this funion decision has been taken. Inefficient traders are trying to steal a march by opening on Sundays in unfair competition with the lawabiding majority. It is particularly despicable that they are bringing pressure to bear on individual employees.

They get people to come in on Sunday by suggesting that there are plenty of other people willing to do their jobs if they are not willing to oblige, or by offering extra payments when they should already be paying their staff

better wages."
Mrs Wise said that the only effect of Sunday opening would be to move trade from one day to another, not to increase it, and also doubted that those opening on Sundays would reap large profits as a

result. "Many people are outraged that the law is being flouted," she said. "The traders incur a lot of overheads by opening on Sundays, and I do not know that they attract a lot of

customers." Mrs Wise said that she supported the application for injunctions against illegal opening. "Prevention is better than cure," she said. "I am on the side of shop workers and their families who have a right

to their day off." Repeated attempts to reform the shop-hours legislation have failed in the past, although it is widely acknowledged that it contains many anomalies.

Law flouted, page 3

ANC threatens to suspend key talks with Pretoria

gress has threatened to withdraw from negotiations with Pretoria unless all political prisoners are released, exiles are repatriated, and the remaining apartheid legislation is repealed, by April 30.

At the conclusion of a national consultative conference yesterday, the ANC also gave a warning that it would consider resuming its "armed struggle" unless Pretoria halted political violence in black townships. It further group, opened for trade in resolved to declare 1991 a year of mass action for the transfer of power to the

> The militant mood was expressed in a declaration which accused the South African government of reneging on its commitments, and of attempting to perpetuate white domination in other forms. Significantly, the document was read to the 1,600 delegates not by Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, but by Chris Hani, the chief of staff of the ANC armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation).

To sustained applause, he said: "While we remain committed to exploring every possibility for a peaceful transition to a democratic South Africa, the apartheid regime has in recent months demonstrated that it is not The regime has its own domination in a new form."

Warning that ANC patience for the prompt removal of adhere to its commitment last

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG THE African National Con- obstacles to constitutional August to suspend its "armed struggle". The conference also called

for a mass action campaign

next year to hasten the transfer

of power. Demonstrations at

the opening of parliament in Cape Town on February I will

demand an interim govern-

ment, a constituent assembly,

and the abolition of the

tricameral parliament from

which blacks are excluded,

and of the bantustan system.

Despite steps by the Euro-

pean Community to ease eco-

nomic sanctions, the confer-

ence resolved wat sancuous

On a more alarming note, it

was confirmed that ANC guer-

rillas are present in the strife-

torn townships, and that

henceforth they will partici-

nate in the defence of their

communities. A national de-

fence committee is to be

formed, which will organise

The ANC claims that pol-

itical rivalry with the Inkatha

Freedom Party, led by Zulu

chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi,

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local self-defence units.

should be maintained.

negotiations, he said: "We say to the international community and the regime that should real progress in this regard not be evident, we shall not hesitate to direct the national executive committee

(NEC) to suspend talks." The demands were listed in a separate resolution as the release of political prisoners,



Hani: gave warning that patience is running out

of repressive legislation, and an end to political trials. The resolution said: "The NEC serves notice on the regime that unless all the obstacles are removed on or before the 30th April 1991, the ANC shall consider the suspension of the

whole negotiation process. The resolution claimed that violence in the townships was a deliberate attempt by the Pretoria halted the carnage the ANC would find it diffiwas running out, and calling cult, if not impossible, to

Come and take me \dots



Trap for black: the white queen is unguarded after Kasparov's more

IN ANY hands other than those of Gary Kasparov, white's move might have seemed suicidal: his queen sacrificed like a lamb to her black counterpart. But the world chess champion's strat egy of luring the black queen away from guarding her bishop succeeded brilliantly (Raymond Keene writes) forcing Anatoly Karpov's resignation and putting Kasparov on the verge of retaining his title.

> Brilliant win, page \$ Competition, page 18

prevent drivers from drinking before

A recent survey by Gallup for

General Accident, Britain's third

largest motor insurance group,

showed that four in ten company car

drivers drink and drive. Gallup

interviewed 478 company drivers and

found that 41 per cent drove after

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Car computer puts the brakes on drink drivers that only widescale enforcement will

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

DRIVERS may one day have to pass a breath test to convince their cars that they are fit to drive before they can go

Sir Ian Lloyd, the Conservative MP for Havant, Hampshire, wants to introduce to Britain a device not yet seen in Europe: the breathalyser lock. Drivers would have to blow into a small breathalyser computer on the dashboard to convince it their breath levels were safe. If the level is too high, the computer cuts into the

electronic ignition so the car will not Some systems also require the driver to enter a code number on an electronic keyboard to prove their sobnety before the car will start. The vices are already used in the United

States, mainly in the cars of previously convicted drunk drivers. In the absence of such safeguards in

Britain, police have instituted the toughest crackdown yet on drinkdriving over Christmas. The Metropolitan Police stopped 5,496 drivers last week. Of those, 423 were arrested for being over the limit or refusing to give a breath test.

That compares with 4,441 breath tests in the first week of last year's annual anti-drink drive campaign, leading to 255 arrests. No figures have yet been prepared for the rest of

Sir Ian is proposing amendments to the road traffic bill presently on its way through parliament, seeking to make breathalysers more widely available so that motorists can know what state they are in before they drive. Sir Ian wants all licensed pubs, bars and restaurants to be obliged to have electronic breathalysers installed by law, allowing drivers to get a readout of their alcohol-breath level by putting 50p into a slot machine into which they blow.

The proposal has provoked criticism from police and motoring organizations. Andrew Howard, head of road safety at the Automobile Association, said: "The machines may not be accurate and will not be a defence in court. They merely encourage drivers to continue drinking up to the legal limit."

In Australia, the introduction of bar room breathalyser machines coincided with an 80 per cent reduction in drinking and driving offences.

British police remain sceptical as evidence here continues to suggest

that about 1.2 million drivers regularly drink and drive. Though all those interviewed condemned driving while over the legal limit, Gallup concluded that it was "reasonable to assume that at least some of the drivers have drunk enough to impare

their ability to drive safely".

MICHAEL Mates, the Conser- Bexleyheath, Sir Philip Goodhart, vative MP for Hampshire East who masterminded Michael Heseltine's campaign for the Tory leadership, will tonight try to beat off an attempt to unseat him by local party activists.

They are furious at the role be played in Margaret Thatcher's fall from power and determined to exact revenge.

Mr Mates's "trial" at a Hampshire school will be the first of a series of such ordeals for Tory MPs who spoke out against Mrs Thatcher during last month's leadership contest.

Tomorrow night, Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leominster, will face a no-confidence motion for backing Mr Heseltine's challenge, which paved the way for John Major's election to the leadership of the Conservative party.

Cyril Townsend, MP for

MP for Beckenham, and Julian Critchley, MP for Aldershot, will also be battling for their political lives later in the week.

Ivor Stanbrook, MP for Orp-

ington, faces a deselection move.

A meeting has been provisionally fixed for January 11 to discuss a petition signed by 74 local Tories. Mr Stanbrook, who voted for Mr Heseltine in both ballots, said: "I have nothing but contempt for the motion and its signatories. They are a small bunch of discontents who are totally unrepresent-ative of the 27,000 constituents

who vote for me at election time." Mr Major and Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, have already come to the aid of the embattled MPs by urging the party faithful not to indulge in recriminations over the leadership contest.



Tory MPs under fire: Michael Mates, Peter Temple-Morris, Cyril Townsend and Ivor Stanbrook Conservative Central Office prerow," He will reply to critics at the dicted that none of the MPs end of what is expected to be a would be deselected. They said that grassroots "Thatcher die-hards" would be satisfied with stormy meeting at which about 20 local Tories are expected to have a say. Mr Mates is known for his rapping the MPs over the knuckblunt speaking and is expected to les and making it clear that they disapproved of their conduct. give a robust response to a motion effectively deselecting him. Mr Mates said yesterday: "I

Mr Temple-Morris's critics in Leominster are led by Peter Tebbit, the 52-year-old brother of have had lots of messages of support and I hope they will be Norman Tebbit, who played a reflected in what happens tomor-

prominent part in Mrs Thatcher's campaign. The critics have forced a special constituency party gen-

to vote on a motion of no confidence in Mr Temple-Morris. Mr Peter Tebbit, of Colwall. near Malvern, claims that Mr Temple-Morris caused a deep rift in the constituency by backing Mr

eral meeting in Leominster tomorrow night when all 2,400 local party members will be able

Heseltine's leadership challenge without consulting his local party. Some Tory workers have already resigned, and Mr Tebbit claims that up to 30 per cent may join them if the MP stays on.

"I feel he is not fit to continue as MP because of the way he treated constituency members with utter contempt for their views," Mr Tebbit said, "When I heard this little man attempting to ditch Mrs Thatcher it was almost as if somebody was taking the roof off my home.

"Over the years I've always said 'Put a blue rosette on a monkey and I'll always vote for him', but now I am putting Temple-Morris on a lower plank than a monkey. I feel I couldn't vote for him ever again. He unleashed a fury the intensity of which astounded me, and now he is out to save his own

Mr Tebbit said that he had not discussed the issue with his

brother Norman, but he shared the former cabinet minister's political views.

Earlier this month, Mr Temple-Morris was given a vote of confidence by his local party's executive committee. The MP, who has a 14,000 majority, said yesterday that he had consulted local party officials throughout the leadership election.

"I wasn't pulling any punches as to what I was doing," he said. "The people trying to unseat me are ultra-Thatcherite and think it wrong that she was deposed. They then look around for someone to blame - and blame me. If my critics are right, they are really the

apostles of dictatorship." The MP said that he would not resign even if he lost tomorrow's vote and the issue were referred to the executive committee, which has expressed confidence in him.

Life after Thatcher, page 6

Leap towards greening of Whitehall as officials meet

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

big step forward at the weekend, when almost 40 senior officials from ten government departments, including six permanent secretaries, met to discuss the

Led by Sir Patrick Wright, head of the diplomatic service, and Sir Terence Heiser, permanent secretary at the environment department, they discussed ways in which the government machine could respond better to national. and international problems such as the threat of global climate change, in terms of organisation and the amount of money needed to do the iob.

The two-day seminar at Wiston House, a Foreign Office conference centre near Steyning, West Sussex, was the most important internal meeting that the civil service has held on green issues

Law 'must enforce green duty'

A STATUTORY duty of environmental care should be laid against all government departments, local authorities and public bodies, two academics say in a blueprint for greening the government machinery (OUr Environment Correspondent writes).

It would provide the basis for scrutiny and enforcement of the new green responsibilities Whitehall departments are being given, according to Professors Tim O'Riordan and Albert Wheale of East Anglia university.

They say: "Just as government departments have been expected to be accountable for the spending of public monies since the 17th century, so their modern counterparts should be made accountable for their use of natural resources and environmental amenities that represent our common heritage."

The professors say the duty would take account of the sustainable use of natural resources, the minimisation of waste, the principle that the polluter should pay for pollution, and the acceptance of a precautionary approach.

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THE greening of Whitehall took a and, two years ago, would have been inconceivable. The range and high level of the participants is evidence that the environment is now a cross-departmental issue, which was one of the main aims of the environment white paper produced in September by Chris Patten, then environment secretary

As well as the two chairmen, permanent secretaries present included Sir Alan Bailey (transport), Sir Christopher France (health), Derek Andrews (agriculture) and Timothy Lankester (overseas development administration), plus teams of interested advisers. The Treasury, the Cabinet Office, the Department of Trade and Industry and the energy department were all represented at deputy secretary level.

The whole corpus of senior officials with environmental responsibilities scattered across Whitehall had come together informally to discuss how to liaise better, instead of "glaring at each other across a committee table", as one of them put it. High on the agenda was the machinery needed to ensure that the integration of the environment into the policies of other departments, as outlined in the white paper, is fulfilled.

Its principal element will be the cabinet committee on the environment, set up under the chairman-ship of Margaret Thatcher to decide the content of the white paper. That committee, originally named Misc 141, has been renamed Gen 4, and the change from miscellaneous to general is indicative of its new status: important and permanent.

Most of the cabinet will be members. It will be chaired by the prime minster and meet as and when required. A subsidiary committee called Gen 7 will be chaired by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary.

An important role will also be played by the Treasury-chaired interdepartmental group on environmental economics (Iggy), which will discuss pollution taxes and other market mechanisms. It will be run by Rachel Lomax, the government's new deputy chief economic adviser, who will chair her first meeting in the new year.

The conference was the idea of the Foreign Office, which has been quick to appreciate what an important issue the environment has become for diplomacy.

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Turn from the gun, **Primate** tells IRA

THE new pastoral leader of Ire-land's 3.8 million Roman Catho-lics yesterday told the IRA to call off its terror campaign, and said that its objectives could be achieved through peaceful pol-

itical progress.
With Mary Robinson, the Republic's new president, listen-ing, Dr Cahal Daly called on republicans to turn from the gun and the bomb. The peaceful transformation of eastern Europe was primarily a spiritual and moral revolution, he said, and achieved by peaceful means what armed uprising never could.

Dr Daly, who was being installed as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, told the IRA leadership: "You have no sane reason or justification moral, rational or political - for continuing with your campaign of violence. You have every reason moral, rational and political - for calling off your campaign now.

"The longer you continue with your campaign of violence, the more ignominious in the end will be the memory you will leave behind you, and the further away from attainment will be any of your aims and objectives."

Dr Daly, aged 73, said that there were people in both communities whose consciences were "blindfolded" to prevent them seeing the enormity of their violent deeds.

He also spoke of his hopes for the Birmingham Six, saying: "I can see no sustainable reason why their convictions should continue to stand, or why they should not leased." There was a sustained applause when Dr Daly welcomed Mrs Robinson on her first official visit to Northern Ireland.

Leading Protestant churchmen and Charles Haughey, Ireland's prime minister, were among hundreds who gathered in St Patrick's cathedral, Armagh, for the installation ceremony. Members of Mr Haughey's cabinet, four cardinals and bishops from Britain, Europe, the United States, Nicholas Fenn, British Ambassador to the Republic, Cardinal Basil Hume, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, and David Sheppard, anglican Bishop of

Liverpool, also attended. Northern Ireland politicians present included Ken Maginnis, Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, and Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the SDLP and MP for Newry and

Bad weather complicated Mrs Robinson's first official visit to the north. The initial plan was for her to be flown in an Irish Air Corps helicopter to Drumadd Barracks on the edge of the city, and to be met there by Mr Brooke. Instead, she arrived some 40 minutes late by road to be greeted at the offices of the Armagh Observatory which was founded by an Anglican archbishop of Armagh and has celebrated its bicentenary this

It had also been planned that she would also visit Navan Fort, the pre-historic earthwork on the edge of the city and the seat of the

ancient kings of Ulster.
The bad weather, however, prevented Mrs Robinson from making the visit. Instead, she had to settle for a detailed briefing and a video of what is planned for the fort, by Dr Gordon Beveridge, vice-chancellor of Queen's university, Belfast and chairman of the Navan Trust.

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Rarity value: a five shilling stamp among the collection of 10,000 Lord Spens is putting up for auction

Stamps sale to pay legal bills

LORD Spens, the one-time highflying merchant banker, has taken a last look at a flawed 1958 five shillings postage stamp of Caernarfon Castle, the jewel of his private collection, which is to be auctioned tomorrow.

The stamp, valued at £120 because of its so-called confetti mark near the Queen's head, is one of a unique portfolio of about 10,000 stamps, all from the "Castle" series of high-value British definitives issued from 1958 until decimalisation in 1971. They are being sold to pay legal bills run up

charges of fraud during the Guinness affair. Although granted legal aid last week, Lord Spens says he faces bills of £300,000 in fighting the charges brought in connection with the £2.7 billion takeover by Guinness of the Distillers drinks group in 1986.

Brian Reeve, the auctioneer who will conduct the sale at the Charing Cross hotel in central London tomorrow, said: "It is a rare collection; something that comes up only once in lifetime." He has put estimates on its sale value of £36,000, but Lord Spens hopes it will go for far more. Lor

heartbreaking to have to sell a collection I have spent 30 years building up, but the lawyers must be paid.'

The Baron, as he is known in the City, faces two charges in the second half of the Guinness trial which is due to start at Southwark Crown Court in the new year. Lord Spens has been conducting his own case since he discharged his lawyers in April last year.

He will not be at the auction. "It would be too painful," he said, vowing to build another collection just as soon as the Guinness affair was finally ended.

Gulf call-up will safeguard jobs

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen is expected to sign an order in council this week for a call-up of reservists to serve in the Gulf. Two weeks ago, the defence ministry wrote to hundreds of reservists, mostly those with medical skills, asking them to volunteer because of the fear of heavy casualties in a war with Iraq, but many were reluctant to sign up because their employers have refused to guarantee keeping their jobs open.

A defence ministry official said yesterday that once a special order was signed, employers would have

no choice but to safeguard the jobs. He said about 500 had volunteered so far, but a total of about 1,000 would be needed.

When Tom King, the defence secretary, announced that reservists might be required, the impression given was that volunteers would serve in Britain or Germany, replacing those who had left for the Gulf. But it is now clear they will serve in the Gulf. The decision to seek an order in

council under the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985 was made because of increasing signs recently that Iraq was preparing for war. Apart from extra medical help, the defence ministry is looking for reservists with other specialist skills, with intelligence and technical backgrounds a priority. Although the official call up will cover all reservists in the Territorial Army and the other two services, only selected personnel will be needed.

The special order will have to come before parliament before it can be put into effect.

Peace setback, page 9

£1m snowflake has punters in a flutter

By ALAN HAMILTON

HAD Bing Crosby never recorded that confounded song, we should probably not give a crystallised Christmas fig whether snow fell in London on December 25. We do, however, stand to take more than £150,000 from the bookmakers if it does this year. According to the weathermen, though, it won't.

One of the world's most advanced weather forecasting computers, employed by the American weather service, predicts that the United Kingdom will enjoy a warmer than average Christmas Day, a little windy, with some sunshine in the east and showers in the west and north. Our own home-grown meteorolo-

the warmth. It will, they think, be cold but decidedly not white. Should they be proved wrong,

they will be the first to know. Angus Stronach, a young Met Office traince, will spend his entire 12-hour Christmas Day shift on the roof of the London Weather Centre ready to spot even a single snowtlake and to time its arrival to the second. His presence is required by Debenhams, the department store group, which is so chilled by the icy blasts blowing through high street retailing that it has launched a promotion inviting customers to predict the exact landing time of London's first

is promised a prize of £1 million. Debenhams' money looks relatively safe. Snow has fallen in London on Christmas Day only eight times this century, the last

occasion being in 1976. A vague feeling that a fresh fall is overdue, coupled with last week's burst of severe weather in many parts of the country, occasioned a rush to the bookmakers' counters. Two weeks ago they were offering up to 20-1 against, soon trimmed to 5-1. After one punter invested £500 last week.

they were further shortened to 9-2. What the punters require, according to the London Weather Centre, is a build-up of high Christmas snowflake. The winner pressure over Scandinavia. There

is, alas, no sign of it. But nothing is certain. Not much more than a month ago the country's amateur weather sages were united in their predictions of a hard winter. Oak trees were still wearing their leaves well into November, squirrels in East Anglia were seen struggling under bulk orders of nuts, and hares in the Fens were swarming in from what passes in that area of

Cambridgeshire for high ground. All are taken as signs of a hard winter, although it is asking too much of a Norfolk squirrel to predict whether snow will fall on a rooftop in central London on one particular and entirely abitrary day in December, Squirrels are not, as a rule, Crosby fans.

Anti-hanging majority may rise

The Commons majority against restoring capital punishment may be even bigger in tonight's free vote than the margin of 123 in the

last test of the issue in 1988 (Nicholas Wood writes).

Anti-hanging MPs believe that the judicial fallibility suggested by the cases of the Guildford Four, whose convictions for terrorist murders were overturned last year, and the Birmingham Six, whose case comes before the Court of Appeal today for an initial hearing, may prompt a change of heart among past supporters.

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Prisoners on the run

Three prisoners, including a highly dangerous" killer, were on the run yesterday after breaking out of Highpoint jail, Suffolk, from which 28 men escaped last year. The Home Office has admitted that more prisoners have escaped from Highpoint than any other jail. Four prisoners who escaped last month have still not been recaptured,

Police have warned the public not to approach the three men who were all said to be wearing prison clothes.

Decision on new bishop likely

John Major is expected to decide before Christmas on the new bishop of London to succeed Graham Leonard, a leading opponent of women's ordination. A

shortlist was submitted last week. Right Rev John Waine, bishop of Chelmsford, and Dr David Hope, bishop of Wakefield. The right wing of the church hopes that Mr Major will choose someone to balance the evangelical Dr George Carey at Canterbury and the liberal Dr John Habgood at York.

Anti-semitism investigated

Prosecutions may still be brought against the authors of anti-semitic hate literature, the Board of Deputies of British Jews was told yesterday. Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, board president, said that reports that the attorney general will not prosecute in any of the 21 cases referred to him "does not accord with the information we have".

He said police were working very hard to collect evidence in several cases to enable prosecutions to be brought and the matter to be dealt with speedily.

Pilot's body found

The body of a second world war pilot was found on Saturday in a Spitfire unearthed by archaeologists at Hollingbourne, near Maidstone, Kent. The relatives of Sergeant Pilot Ernest Scott, a member of 222 Squadron who was shot down over Kent during the Battle of Britain, said they were certain that the fighter was his.

Gas attack

Nineteen people were being treated in hospital in Ballymena, Co Antrim, last night for the effects of inhaling gas from a cylinder thrown on to a crowded dance floor on Saturday night. Meanwhile at Newry, Co Down, nine people including five children were held hostage at gunpoint by armed and masked men in a house while terrorists mounted two elaborate proxy car bomb hoaxes on an army base and post office in the border town.

Fake £20 notes

Shoppers and traders were told yesterday to beware of counterfeit £20 notes. The notes, which have been found in Wiltshire, have a watermark of the Queen instead of Shakespeare and green edge markings are missing.

Marriage troubles Charles Haughey, the Irish prime

minister, has told civil servants to draft a white paper on marital breakdown in the Republic. Government sources say that a referendum on legalising divorce may be held in 1992,

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Shops flout Sunday trading laws to beat sales slump

Mr Chadwick added that

Hamleys was hoping the coun-

cil would turn a blind eye to

Sunday trading. "It is clear

that the act needs reforming. In places like Scotland and the

States there are a higher

He said that the shop, which

first opened in 1762, had

street trading names openly flouted Sunday trading laws utive of Hamleys, said yesyesterday in an attempt to reverse plummeting sales be-

Even Hamleys, the largest and oldest toy shop in the world, in Regent Street, London, opened yesterday, in spite of being fined £800 last week by Westminster city council for Sunday trading in October 1989.

With most shops experiencing their worst trading period in ten years, stores throughout the country were prepared to face the risk of being fined rather than keep their doors shut. For some, the decision contradicted head office policy stating that shops would

At Hamleys, trading was reported to be on the "soft side", with the store only managing to equal last year's presented overwhelming evi-

SOME of the biggest high figures for the same period, dence to the council that it Duncan Chadwick, chief exec- should be treated as a resort area, and thus be exempt from the Sunday trading laws, but terday that the toy shop would open all the extra hours posthat the argument had been sible, up to 9pm six days a rejected by Westminster

If Hamleys had been closed "Three people from the last Sunday, Mr Chadwick shop workers union, Usdaw, added, the store could not picketing outside the have raised £4,000 for the relief fund for Romania in a shop this morning in protest against us opening. We offered special charity day organised them tea, they refused and then ran off," he said. by the toy shop.

In London's jewellery stores, customers were scarce. Ratners and H.Samuel in Kensington High Street were open. H.Samuel said that it was planning to close at 4pm, but would stay open longer if people were in the shop.

percentage of churchgoers than in England, and yet trading is legal in these Ratners in Birmingham, when asked if the shop would be open, said: "We are certainly on the premises today." When told that the enquiry was from a newspaper, the shop strenuously denied that staff were there to serve customers. "We are here putting stock away after Saturday," a spokesman said.

British Home Stores (BHS) said 100 out of 138 branches were open yesterday, with the store expecting a late Christmas surge of shoppers. "We are putting our customers first at Christmas time," a spokeswoman said, "All staff who are working today are doing so voluntarily. They are being paid double time or are being given two days off in lieu. Our Oxford Street store was oversubscribed by staff wanting to

At the Woolworth store in Birmingham, the manager, who wished to remain anonymous, said that his head office was "all for" Sunday opening. When asked whether he was concerned about flouting the law, he said: "It does not bother me. The company will cover us." A spokeswoman for Woolworth's head office declined to comment.

In the Birmingham branch of BHS, many of the staff questioned were part-time women employees happy to get a few hours' extra work. In Manchester, BHS, Ratners, HMV and Athena stores were all open. Staff said they were not forced to work on Sunday and were happy to earn extra money for Christmas.

However, local authorities yesterday reacted strongly to the news that shops were field, where Woolworth, BHS and H.Samuel all opened, Bill Franklyn, chairman of the city's chamber of trade, said he would be urging the council to uphold the law. Martin Flannery, Labour

MP for Hillsborough, said: "The shops should be kept closed and those that open should be heavily fined. What gives them the right to decide which laws to observe and which to break?" David Blackmore, opera-

tions director of Keep Sunday Special, the pressure group, said: "I cannot think that their overheads will be covered by this expensive farce. All they are doing is taking a market share from the law-abiding

Mr Blackmore said local authorities should take out injunctions against shops that break the Sunday trading laws. This is much quicker than messing around in a mag-istrates' court and it is easier to recover costs. We are aware that, in the past six weeks, at least 50 authorities have managed to get injunctions against shops who are breaking the law," he said.

Relocation | Pub bombs plan for case heads tower's for full hearing armour By JOHN YOUNG

PLANS to improve facilities for visitors at the Tower of London, which would include moving most of the collection of armour to a new museum in the north of England, are to be submitted to the environment

Guy Wilson, Master of the Royal Armouries, said that the idea was to retain only those items that related to the tower's history. The space created would be used for tableaux, working displays of historic crafts, and somewhere for visitors to eat.

"At present there is nowhere within the whole complex where you can get so much as a cup of tea," he said. "What's worse, apart from the tours conducted by the yeomen warders, people get very little opportunity to learn about the history of the tower, which is an amazingly rich and fascinating story.

Although the tower is by far the biggest tourist attraction in Britain, its facilities and presentation are widely considered to be unsatisfactory. Many visitors are thought to go away confused about what they have seen and unable to place it in a historical context.

One reason is the sheer amount of armour, little more than a tenth of which is displayed in the White Tower and the 19th century New Armouries building and oriental gallery. The rest of it occupies space that could be used for other exhibits.

The plan is to move the bulk of it out of London. The Sheffield development corporation is keen to open a museum as part of the rehabilitation of the Don Valley and has been offered first refusal. A market research study is planned to discover the public's opinion of the proposais.

NAVE BINDA The week ahead

MPs vote on bringing back hanging CBI monthly trends survey published. Hospital doctors meet Virginia Bottomicy, health minister, to discuss working hours. Birmingham Six pre-trial hearing begins at Court of Appeal. Tomorrow

Public sector borrowing requirement figures for November announced. Kenneth Baker, home secretary, and Chris Patten, Conservative party chairman, attend crime prevention conference. MPs launch food aid for Russia. Launch of BBC television winter plans.

Unicef publishes report on the state of the world's children. Gross domestic product figures for third quarter announced. Children of Courage awards presented.

Thursday Commons and Lords adjourn for Christmas break John Major makes first visit to Washington as prime minister. November's money supply figures announced. Last pit in the Rhondda Valley closes at Maerdy. Marilyn Monroe's marriage certificate for auction at Christie's.

Building societies' figures for November announced. Balance of payment figures for November announced. Second anniversary of Lockerbie disaster.

Crisis, charity for the homeless, opens its Christmas shelter. Prime minister returns from US.

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Christmas drink-driving

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Director of Public Prosecutions is expected to argue for a full hearing of the Birmingham Six case when the Court of Appeal holds a preliminary hearing on the case today. The court will be told that more work has yet to be done on the enquiry being carried out by Devon and Comwall police.

Earlier this month Allan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, said that he wanted the Court of Appeal to review all the evidence before deciding whether the convictions are safe. Legal sources say his position has not

The case was referred back to the Court of Appeal this autumn after scientific evidence showed alterations to a statement alleged to have been made by Richard McIlkenny, one of the Six. It is understood that the tests have now disclosed that a number of documents were altered or

The questions thrown up by the tests, known as electrostatic deposition analysis, or ESDA, may be one of the reasons for the DPP's caution. The police enquiry could be checking reasons for the alterations or seeking extra

Today's hearing, before Lords Justice Lloyd, Mustill and Farquharson, is expected to be followed by a full hearing early next year. Meanwhile the Six will remain in prison convicted of IRA bomb attacks on two public houses in which 21 people died.



Green: wants all the evidence reviewed

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£25m plan 'threat to poet's village' By HENRY STANHOPE

RESIDENTS of an old Welsh Prince Charles's 'monstrous fishing village which helped to carbuncle' would seem like a inspire Dylan Thomas when mere pimple. Mumbles needs he wrote Under Milk Wood more open space for public are campaigning against a enjoyment, not this fantastical property development which enterprise designed to make they say would destroy the money for the developers." Bryan Evans, the managing character of their seafront.

Detailed plans are due to be director of Bright and Pepper, submitted today by the prop- has accused the objectors of erty developers Bright and being elderly bigots. He said: "The place badly needs new Pepper who want to reclaim more than five acres of sea at investment and the silent Mumbles, at the foot of the majority are behind my Gower peninsula, southwest proposal."

The public gallery was Wales. Shops, luxury flats, a night club, a wine bar, a crowded when the Bright and swimming pool, sauna and Pepper plan was approved in jacuzzi are among the facilities principle last June at a meetto be provided in the £25 ing of Swansea city council. It million four-storey complex. was carried with the support More than 2000 locals have of the ruling Labour group signed a petition against the despite opposition from proposal and 97 per cent Liberal Democrats and voted against it in a referen-Conservatives.

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A break for one shopper yesterday in British Home Stores, Oxford Street

US navy denies part in new trawler mishap

THE US Navy denied last yesterday. While the move submarines fouled the nets of an Ulster fishing boat off the Mull of Kintyre.

An investigation of claims by the slopper of the Green Eagle showed that the unnamed US submarine was on the surface on Thursday and never came closer than a mile to any trawler, the US Navy said in a statement from its submarine base at Holy Loch,

The skipper had said the nets were snagged and that later he had seen the submarine near his boat.

Meanwhile, new regulations governing submarine operations in the Firth of Clyde come into force today prevent a repetition of the kind of accident in which the Antares fishing boat was sunk last month with the loss of four Scottish fishermen.

ment, almost 20 sectors within of her four-man crew. the firth have been drawn up in which submarines can carry If a submarine intends

performing underwater manocuvres in a sector the operations room at the Royal Navy's Faslane base on the Gair Loch will be required to pass on the information to the coastguard headquarters at Greenock. The coastguard will then broadcasts the information every four hours to fishing boats, telling them which sectors are being used

knowing that there will be no submarines in those areas, a Royal Navy spokesman said

night that one of its nuclear was welcomed by lishermen. George Foulkes, Labour MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, called for the area to be extended around the British and Irish coasts where submarines operated, and Patrick Stewart, secretary of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, also said that members of his association who fished in waters not covered by the code wanted it extended. "We the northern Irish Sea and the waters off the west of Scotland. We fully support this and we wish to see the agreement extended to any areas where submarines operate together with fishing

boats," he added. The Royal Navy yesterday declined to comment on newspaper report that HMS Trenchant ignored standing instructions on the night when Under a notification it was thought to have dragged scheme ordered by the governdown the Antares with the loss down the Antares with the loss

A spokesman at the Royal Navy's Fastane submarine base on the Clyde said the service could not comment because the Navy board of enquiry into the incident was still under way. The Royal Navy has said

the submarine surfaced after hearing an unexplained noise. and after trying unsuccessfully sels, alerted coastguards before departing two hours later. Commenting on the claim that the HMS Trenchant had broken regulations. Mr

Foulkes said if there had been a breach of standing orders the matter should be put before the Procurator Fiscal with a view to possible prosecution.

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Brilliant win puts Kasparov on brink of retaining title

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

GARY Kasparov, the world chess champion, achieved at the weekend the most brilliant victory so far in his title defence against Anatoly Karpov in Lyons, France.

On Saturday night, Kaspar-ov shattered his opponent's position and forced him to resign after 41 moves of the Ruy Lopez opening. For the game, Karpov's problems on the board were compounded by a desperate shortage of time. When he resigned on the 41st move he had to reach over and take his opponent's written record of the game to reconstruct his own score

Kasparov now has a dominating lead of 11 points to nine with four games left. To regain the title, Karpov would have to score three-and-a-half points from these last four games - a virtually impossible task.

Kasparov played in his most dramatic style. He showered sacrifices on the black position, first of a pawn, then a knight and a bishop. Finally. to eradicate Karpov's resistance, he sacrificed his queen on the 34th move. Queen sacrifices at this level of play are rare and highly prized.

Afterwards Kasparov said: "I finally won a game in my old style." Paying tribute to his opponent's qualities, he added: "Karpov is a great fighter. He played the only tactic to try and still win the match. After game 19 Karpov saw that I was not going to take unnecessary risks and that's why he decided to fight today, even though playing with black. Karpov doesn't care by how much he loses the match, all he wants to do is to

Kasparov was buoyant as he gave the post-match interview.Karpov, however, doubtless still believes that he can win. Four years ago during their championship match in Leningrad, Karpov, in a seemingly hopeless position, won three consecutive games and nearly tied the match. Karpov still has faith that he can

repeat this feat. The 20th game was the most striking seen in the match so far and its complexities baffled experts in the analysis



Gary Kasparov back at the chess board yesterday after his superb win on Saturday

one of the masterpieces to rank with those such as Anderssen's win against Kieseritzky in London in 1851, or Botvinnik's win against Capablanca in Rotterdam in

Unlike great attacking playroom. The game will become ers of the past, Kasparov's

position during his offensives is often exposed in some other part of the battlefield. Thus, in this game, a black pawn penetrated to the 7th rank. cating white pieces as it went, and for the last 15 moves of the game was just one square

away from becoming a queen.

The element of extreme danger to himself is what characterises Kasparov's attacking strategy and differentiates it from that of previous world champions.

game four from this match until Kasparov deviated with a new idea on the 18th move. On the 23rd move he sacrificed a pawn in order to aim his pieces directly at the black king. On move 26 Kasparov sacrificed a knight to strip away the black king's de-fences, but Karpov would have lost instantly had he accepted the sacrifice. Instead, the former world champion hunged at a white bishop on the opposite side of the board.

On the 29th move Kasparov had virtually every piece lined up against the black king and it was his queen's sacrifice on the 34th

Articles

on MP

'wrong'

THE Press Council today

upholds complaints by Michael Mates MP, chairman of the

Commons defence select com-

mittee, against two news-

links with defence firms.

papers which questioned his

It says articles in Today and

the Daily Mirror wrongly said

Mr Mates was benefiting from

links with companies which

were hoping for government

defence contracts. A com-

plaint by Mr Mates against the

Independent on Sunday was

Playground body

A walker found a body hang-ing from a slide in a North

Yorkshire children's play-

ground on Saturday evening. The body of Wayne Clifford, aged 17, of Bedford Street.

Scarborough, was found in the

town's Manor Road park.

Police said that there were no

suspicious circumstances sur-

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Blackmail | aftermath plaguing food firms

By Bill Frost

THE former detective who has been convicted of a £3.75 million blackmail plot against Heinz and Pedigree Petfoods will be sentenced at the Central Criminal Court today.
Rodney Whitchelo, aged 43,
was found guilty of 12 charges
of demanding money with
menaces. The jury, which delivered its verdict on Sat-urday, cleared him of of four other charges of intending to harm children with baby food that had been contaminated with poison and broken razor

The effects of Whitchelo's plot continue to be felt in the food industry, by retailers and consumers. One hundred million jars of baby food with a retail value of £32 million were taken from supermarket shelves and destroyed at the height of the scare. Inevitably, the losses led to higher prices.

In an attempt to thwart the plot, expensive packaging techniques were introduced New stock was, and still is, protected by tamper-proof shrink wrapping. Such packaging is costly and the shopper

has paid the price.
Sophisticated surveillance systems were introduced in many supermarkets during the blackmail campaign. Cameras were installed and thousands of man hours were spent checking and re-check-ing shelves for contaminated products.

A wave of copy cat extor-tion attempts followed the news of Whitchelo's plot, and Cow and Gate had to destroy millions of jars of baby food Hoaxers also plagued the food industry as his campaign continued.

Several threats were re ported after the start of his trial. Manufacturers and retailers fear that there will be more. Every threat has been followed by exhaustive checks Copies of letters sent by Whitchelo to food companies spoke of his confidence that he would never be caught. He wrote to John Hinch, manag-ing director of Heinz: "We are about to return with a vengeance. Next time it will be potassium cyanide in your tamper-proof jars."

Whitchelo said he was not

bluffing over the threat to contaminate more supplies of baby food. "An infant's death will be another statistic as far as we are concerned, but will ensure that we are not ignored. We will continue until there is public uproar and further

massive publicity," he wrote.

The former detective told Heinz that if his letter was passed on to police payment would be blocked. " The only way to prevent us is to pay us," he wrote. "If we are to be prosecuted for murder, we might as well deserve it, but we are confident we will never

There is no doubt that Whitchelo's campaign of "consumer terrorism" has cost the food industry dear. It has affected profits, damaged the image of some of the most trusted names on supermarket shelves and permanently in-

Move 41: Karpov resigns Reassuring talks speed recovery from operations

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor PREPARING patients psy- often enough or thoroughly

chologically for surgery reduces post-operative pain and the length of stay in hospital, the British Psychological Society will be told today. A survey of studies done

over the past 25 years has produced "quite persuasive" evidence that patients who are prepared for surgery fare better, feel less pain, need fewer painkillers and are discharged from hospital sooner, Marie Johnson, of St Andrews university, will tell the society. Dr Johnson identifies three kinds of preparation that have proved their value. The first is information about what the patients are going to feel. A patient warned that he may feel a stabbing pain is less likely to worry about it than one who thinks it means that his surgery has gone wrong.

The second is guiding people to avoid pointless worries by encouraging them to think of other things, and the third is training in relaxation. These methods, Dr Johnson says, can have clear and quantifiable benefits to patients.

More than 700 psychologists are expected to attend the society's two-day London meeting at the City university to hear 150 papers and guest lectures from Stephen Dorrell. the junior health minister, and Professor Colin Blakemore, of Oxford university. The meeting will include a session on the psychological impact of disasters such as Lockerbie. Doctors and nurses in hospitals do not wash their hands to the world of the inanimate.

enough, and improvements would save lives and money, the society will be told today. liams and Chris Bartzokas, of Liverpool university, carried out a survey in two hospitals in Liverpool and London. Although doctors and nurses know that one patient in ten admitted to NHS hospitals acquires an infection unrelated to the reason for admission, and that the failure of medical staff to wash their

hands is the most common

cause, the researchers found it

hard to improve hygiene. They found that a highprofile poster campaign backed up literature improved knowledge but did not alter behaviour. More handwashing resulted only after a more intensive campaign with emotionally arousing posters and a video, but six months later, handwashing had fallen

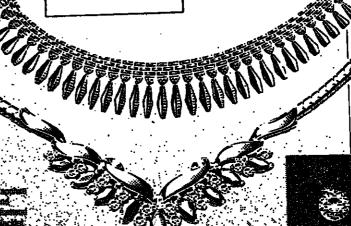
to its original levels. ☐ Computer addicts may be shy, but they are as interesting. hospitable and fulfilled as anyone else, a psychologist says today in a paper to be presented to the meeting (Jill Sherman writes) Margaret Shotton, of Nottingham university, says that people booked on computers are not the neurotic, anti-social, "programming junkies" that society often imagines them to be. Dr Shotton says computer addicts are misunderstood people who have learned to mistrust humans and turned

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Major's men ditch the old taboos

NINETEEN days ago John Major took over from Margaret Thatcher as prime minister. The postelection euphoria that has since gripped Tory MPs shows no signs of abating as they prepare to leave Westminster for the Christmas

Even those on the right who are still emerging from mourning after their heroine's demise talk excitedly of the change of mood, the new listening government, the pext electron. It is an astonishing transformation and for Labour, which has done little wrong in recent weeks, deeply perplexing.

Early indications have sug-gested changes of substance as well as style in the way Mr Major runs

his government. His decision to send Michael Heseltine to the environment department was the most glaring signal to Conservative MPs that he wants the community charge ditched in its present form. It was the flagship that sank the admiral, as one MP put it, and Mr Major is determined not to be a second victim.

It did not take him long to reverse completely Mrs Thatcher's policy on help to haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus. He bowed swiftly to pressure from the public and his backbenchers to egree that a further £42 million should be paid. Mrs Thatcher and her previous health secretary had insisted that the matter be settled

Conciliation not confrontation is the new style emerging at Westminster. Policies once cast in iron are being remoulded under John Major's leadership, Philip Webster reports

Waldegrave, the new health secretary, was able to announce: "A number of fresh minds came to

look at this. In Rome these past few days, European leaders have been getting accustomed to a British prime minister for whom confrontation is not a natural way of doing business. Mr Major set out to avoid the eleven-to-one conflicts that often left Mrs Thatcher

the courts. But William happily isolated at European sum-ldegrave, the new health sec-mits. Mr Major knows only too well that it was Mrs Thatcher's behaviour at and after the October summit that was ultimately to prove her undoing. Pragmatic is coming the overworked, but nevertheless accurate, adjective to describe the prime minister.

In the House of Commons the opposition parties are trying to come to terms with a man who offered during one of his first

question-times that most unThatcher-like observation that the chamber "need not necessarily be a perpetual cockpit of confrontation"; a man who cleverly authorised Mr Heseltine to make a headline-grabbing offer of all-party talks on the poll tax in the absence of any more concrete proposals so soon after his return to the environment department. Labour is desperately seeking a way to puncture Mr Major's

unwillingness so far to expatiate on matters other than those with which he has become familiar during his career are leading them to question whether anything lies beneath it. He is not an easy target.

In the cabinet, too, the change has been palpable. At his first meeting in charge, Mr Major told ministers that he wanted them to pitch in on each other's subjects. After an era in which so many of the most important decisions were taken by Mrs Thatcher and small handfuls of her colleagues, it took some of them by surprise. "I will have to start reading my briefs now," one said privately. The Major government is enjoy-

ing a honeymoon period. How long it lasts could determine whether he decides to go to the polls next spring, summer, au-tumn or in 1992. The process of drawing up the election manifesto is in full swing. Mrs Thatcher set it in motion last July and the specialist committees are meeting

regularly.
One consequence of her departure, as Sir Geoffrey Howe mused last weekend, is that areas which have been regarded as closed, topics that were regarded as unopenable, are now capable of reexamination. In the following analysis Times specialists exam-ine where the changes might come over the next few months.

Heseltine gears for action as the shackles come off

By MICHAEL McCarthy, Douglas Broom and Christopher Warman

MARGARET Thatcher's departure provides the opportunity for Michael Heseltine to work on the foundations of an environment strategy which his predecessor laid but was not allowed to develop.

Chris Patten boldly tried to bring all of government policy into a grand green scheme, but Mrs Thatcher emasculated his white paper. After wavering, she supported Cecil Parkinson, John Wakeham and John Major as they fought off Mr Patten.

Mr Major, although likely to follow Mrs Thatcher in chairing the cabinet's environment committee, is not likely to prove such an immovable obstacle, giving Mr Heseltine a better chance of getting his agenda through.

He has called for a more radical policy to combat global warming, and would like the Thatcherapproved target of stabilising UK emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) at present levels by 2005 to be improved to a 10-20 per cent cut in emissions by the same date, although the public commitment in the white paper not to raise energy prices (apart from petrol) for several years may box him in. After the bitterly-criticised decision to break-up the Nature Conservancy Council, Mr Heseltine is known to be anxious to mend fences, and his future intentions will be evident in the generosity or otherwise of the funding he will shortly announce for the NCC's successor bodies for

England, Scotland and Wales. Mr Heseltine also sees opportunities for change is other areas. He is committed to the restructuring of local government, an issue forced off the agenda during Mrs Thatcher's premiership. He has called for the creation of single tier local government in place of the county and district structure, he wants to see far reaching changes in the way councils are run and has suggested the introduction of

full-time, paid elected mayors. Many leading cities have welcomed Mr Heseltine's suggestion that they be allowed to opt out of their counties to become all-

purpose unitary authorities.

He has also suggested that councils wanting to exceed government spending targets should have to stand for re-election on the issue. That idea was rejected out of hand by Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet. The main housing initiatives

under the new environment team are likely to be an emphasis on inner city regeneration and a greater role for housing associations in providing affordable homes and tackling the issue of

As chancellor, Mr Major spoke of the need to increase the supply of suitable building land. If suitable land means land in the countryside as well as in towns and cities there could be battles ahead, for Mr Heseltine has made clear that he is against large scale development in the countryside.

One of Mr Heseltine's main aims is to revitalise the commitment to inner cities which has been relegated to the background in the last year or so. He is determined that this time the initiative will be housing led and aimed at the "rotten" core of rundown urban areas. Such a policy suggests that he will not want to free much, if any, land for building in the green acres of the south.

The main issue facing Sir George Young, the new housing and planning minister, is that of homelessness, and he sees the voluntary housing movement, as the key to dealing with it.



Clean sweep: the caring cabinet wields a new broom as Major's team implements changes in substance and in style

HOME AFFAIRS

THE arrival of John Major at 10 Downing Street and Kenneth Baker at the Home Office is expected to move policy-making slightly to the left (Quentin Cowdry writes).

All the main political parties now agree that far fewer nonviolent offenders should be jailed. that conditions in prisons should be improved and that police should work darder to increases in manpower. A Major-Baker axis on Home Office policy may increase this trend. Both also firmly oppose capital punishment in contrast to their immediate

Mr Baker, the former Conservative chairman, has a splendid opportunity to carve a niche as a reforming home secretary, with Britain's unsalubrious jails providing the best ground over which to raise his standard. A ready-made reform agenda will shortly be landing on his desk in the form of Lord Justice Woolf's report into the spring jail riots. The frank way he accepted the Prisons Inspectorate's criticisms of Brixton jail may indicate that

he will support the proposals. Certainly, the early signs are that Mr Baker wants to make waves. He has already referred back to the appeal court the case of one of the three men convicted of the murder of PC Keith Blakelock during the Tottenham riot. Having been in the Home Office only a week he could have been forgiven for sitting on the case for a while. Instead, he took the file home on a Friday night and informed officials of his decision first thing on the Monday morning.

Value for money to be high on agenda

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

WITH Margaret Thatcher, there was never any question that Britain would retain an independent deterrent, that British forces lower level, and that central Europe needed nuclear weapons.

While there is no expectation that John Major will be less committed, he starts from a different standpoint. As Chancellor of the Exchequer, his department was in the forefront of those looking eagerly for a peace dividead. He may be strong on defence, but possibly even stronger on having a defence policy that looks more cost conscious. The issues before the cabinet include:

The replacement for the nuclear free-fall bomb; it will be expensive, probably costing over £1 billion, involving the purchase of an American system, the Sram-T (short-range attack missile) or an Anglo-French missile.

Mr Major will probably back the programme but he might be converted to the Angio-French option. It was felt Mrs Thatcher was more inclined to stay with the Americans on nuclear matters.

• The Chieftain tank replacement programme: the tanks being considered are the British Challenger 2, the American MIA1 Abrams, the German Leopard 2 and the French Leclerc. Mrs Thatcher never hinted at her

preference but it is possible that thetic towards buying British, provided Challenger 2 proves to he a good tank. • The options-for-change project:

Mr Major is likely to listen more attentively to cabinet colleagues, such as the chancellor, if they call for more extensive cuts.

Help at hand for those in need

CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher hardly admitted that the poor existed. She allowed incomes of the poorest groups to stagnate for ten years while the rest of the country grew 20 per cent richer.

John Major, a former social security minister, is expected to make early moves to correct this imbalance. Since becoming leader he has spoken of the need for a compassionate society.

It has already been rumoured that child benefit is to be reviewed again. Mr Major has recently reiterated his support for the universal benefit and is likely to

SOCIALISECURITY retain it in an election manifesto, if in a modified form.

Although some of the worst poverty traps have been eliminated, large numbers of low income families are still crippled by high marginal tax rates. Mr Major could address this by raising child benefit, providing child care allowances and accepting European directives on flexible working patterns and parental

The Social Fund, a mixture of loans and grants, does not provide an adequate safety net for the poor. Mr Major may well decide to

review the fund, change the proportion of grants and loans, and increase the overall sum

available. The disability bill going through Parliament has been criticised for not providing enough help for the disabled. Mr Major might endorse modifications to give the disabled, an increasingly high profile group, more help with living and transport costs.

Although Mr Major is unlikely to support another review of the benefit system, he might take note of recent criticisms from the government's social security advisers that benefit levels have not kept pace with increased water charges or the poll tax.

Voucher plan given the cold shoulder

By DAVID TYTLER

JOHN Major sets particular importance in raising the status of teachers. It is likely, however, that he will leave more of the detail in winning back the initiative from Labour to his education secretary than Mrs Thatcher did to hers.

Mrs Thatcher, having been education secretary, concerned herself with the smallest detail. One of Kenneth Clarke's first acts as education secretary, was to say that education vouchers were irrelevant and that he would have nothing to do with them in spite of Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm.

The status of teachers is high on the agenda and there is likely to be some improvement in pay although it will be targeted to improve the recruitment of staff in the shortage subjects and in rewarding the best teachers for their classroom skills. Mr Clarke has already said that he is preSOLEDUCATION OF

pared to pay more provided he gets value for money.

Whatever his plans, in for example extending the number of opt-out schools or giving more day-to-day power to local authority-controlled schools, will be overshadowed by the review of the poll-tax. The biggest change of all would follow any decision to remove education from the local authorities and put it firmly in the hands of central government.

The first effect of the new regime is likely to be seen on the school playing fields following one of the prime minister's first ministerial changes, when he moved Robert Atkins, the sports minister, from the department of environment to education. Mr Major has made clear that be expects an improvement in the quality of sport in schools.

Hard line turned on its head

NHS-

MARGARET Thatcher claimed that the NHS was safe in her hands but she constantly flirted with the expansion of private health care (Jill Sherman writes). John Major-shares the view that the NHS should become more competitive and efficient. He does not, however, use private hospitals and is not likely to introduce further

concessions there. Last week, William Waldegrave, the new health secretary, emphasised the government's more conciliatory approach when he called for bridge building between doctors and politicians. He also said that the commercial approach to the health service should not be overdone. His attitude was in marked contrast to the confrontational line taken by Kenneth

Clarke, his predecessor. Mr Major will not backtrack on NHS reforms but will expect close monitoring of self-governing hospitals and will be more open to modifications than was Mrs Thatcher. As Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Major condoned relatively high spending increases on health in each of the past two years. As prime minister he is expected to support similar levels if tied to greater productivity and

falling waiting times. Pay awards of about 8.5 per cent for doctors and nurses are expected to be recommended by the pay review bodies next month and these will probably be honoured in full. Mr Major will not risk tinkering with the awards, as Mrs Thatcher has done for the past four or five years, in a possible

ARTS

THERE is optimism that under the Major government the arts will be examined for their economic value rather than just their cost (Simon Tait writes). While culture will not move far up the government's agenda it is less likely to be the victim of rhetoric.

Britain was the only country to object, through the then arts minister David Mellor, to the inclusion at the Rome summit of a discussion on the scope of cultural union. It is significant that Tim Renton, his successor, has now welcomed it.

Previously, those in favour of a national lottery to provide funds for the arts dared barely whisper it in Whitehall, but the idea has serious currency now moral objection of Mrs Thatcher has gone.

Provincial theatres and museums are meanwhile anxiously watching Mr Heseltine's manoeuvring of the poll tax. When local authorities need to make cuts, it is often culture projects that are most vulnerable. The National Campaign for the Arts has been told, however, that the environment department will seriously consider its request that local arts budgets be protected. It is unlikely to have elicited such a response three weeks ago.

SCIENTISTS have few grounds for feeling optimistic. Unlike Mrs Thatcher, who was proud of her scientific training and held highlevel seminars in Downing Street, Mr Major has no background in

science (Nigel Hawkes writes). He is expected to be just as tough as was Mrs Thatcher on public spending, while directing more money to the disadvantaged. This, some senior scientists fear, will leave less for Kenneth Clarke, the secretary for education and science, to devote to research and development.

Private schools should be opened up to all talented children, Tory MP says

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE schools should be opened up to all children with the talent to benefit from them, a former Conservative higher education minister says today in an attack on standards of state

George Walden, a minister from 1985-7, calls for government subsidies for the private sector to end the "apartheid" between the two sectors, which he says could reduce many inner city children to the level of an "industrial peasantry".

The proposals would mean a massive extension of the assisted places scheme, which provides means-tested state scholarships for some poor children at independent schools, he said. "The concept of a privately operated school is rightly sacrosanct. The solution must be to offer them the opportunity, on a voluntary basis, of becoming autonomous schools within the state system.

"In return for direct financial support, private schools could open themselves up to all the talents... Every child in the land would then have a chance as of right to attend some of our best

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his or her attainments in competitive examinations.

In a paper published by the centre-left Tory Reform Group, Mr Walden says that Britain is at risk of becoming a "not-so-quaint backwater" on the margins of Europe unless obstacles to personal advancement in education, the constitution and political structures are removed. The most daunting obstacle to national revival is the education system. Much of the state service has



Walden: attack on standards

private schools by demonstrating become "alien territory" because so few government ministers make use of it.

Mr Walden, MP for Buckingham, also calls for high quality nursery education for all. Mortsage tax relief should be scrapped, he says, and the potential £7 billion savings put into education. • Meanwhile, the Tory Bow group has called for all tests for social security benefit which take people's capital savings into account to be abolished. In a pamphlet published today by the group, it says that an improvement in savings would allow a cut in interest rates without causing an inflationary increase in spend-

ing (Jill Sherman writes). Julian Brazier, the author and Tory MP for Canterbury, says that restrictive tests on capital for assessing welfare payments are creating a savings trap. "Eligibility for many benefits is severely handicapped by the possession of savings," he says.

He wants a review of all income-tested benefits, to ensure that the combined impact of taxation and withdrawal of overlapping benefits does not trap the saver. His views may be considered sympathetically by

importance of extending savings throughout his leadership

campaign.

Mr Brazier says that an average pensioner couple with a pension of £75.10 a week will keep £71.75 if they have £4,000 savings, after allowing for standard allowances, housing and community charge benefits. If the couple has £10,000 saved, however, they will only keep £52.55 a week.

The cost of abolishing capital tests would only be about £130m, he says. "The economic benefits from even a modest upturn in savings should be felt on the monetary investment and social fronts. Indeed, the resultant restraint in spending should far outweigh the fiscal cost in terms of impact on inflation."

Mr Brazier argues that countries with welfare systems which do not penalise savings by a withdrawal of benefit, such as Germany and France, have much higher savings levels than those that do, such as Britain and the United States. The Savings Trap. Bow group; 92

psbridge Road, London SAB (£5). Education, pages 14,15

Radon toll 'above the estimates'

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

A COMMONS committee investigating indoor pollution has been told that deaths caused from inhaling the naturally occurring radioactive gas radon could be much higher than the official estimate of 2,500 a year. The environment department has told the Commons environment committee that the latest evidence shows that people living or working in radon-affected buildings face the greatest risks. Dr Denis Henshaw, of the

H.H.Wills Physics Laboratory, Bristol university, said that expo-sure to radon in the home could be causing leukaemia, skin, prostate and kidney cancers, and other cancers in children and not just lung cancer as was previously believed. The National Radiological

Protection Board estimates that about 100,000 homes are affected by potentially lethal levels of radon. Areas most at risk are in Devon and Cornwall and granite areas of Somerset, Northamptonshire and Derbyshire. The board blamed radon for causing one in 20 lung cancer cases.

Tebbit says cabinet guilty of desertion

THE former Conservative party chairman Norman Tebbit accused

the cabinet yesterday of deserting Margaret Thatcher during the challenge to her leadership and forcing her resignation. Mr Tebbit, a senior member of Mrs Thatcher's campaign team during the contest with Michael Hescitine, said on Channel 4's The Thatcher Factor. "I was doing too much, but that was because not enough of the prime minister's colleagues in the cabinet were willing to make the time to

> Mrs Thatcher decided to resign after seeing members of her cabinet individually on the night of November 21. She was said to have been told by the majority of ber ministers that although they would support her, they did not believe that she could beat Mr Heseltine in a second ballot, Mr Tebbit said, however, that it was the realisation that she would be leading a divided cabinet if she

campaign enthusiastically on her

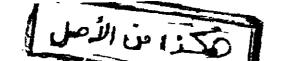
won that caused her departure. "I think she began to realise at that point, that to win and be faced with a cabinet which had not firmly supported her would not

resolve the problem of her leader-

ship, it would exacerbate it. I think that that was the real point which came to her during the evening of Wednesday when she decided she would not go ahead." he said.

Mr Tebbit's remarks will strengthen the belief that Mrs Thatcher was betrayed by her cabinet, but conspiracy theorists will also have to reckon with the countervailing view put forward on the same programme by Alan Clark and Chris Patten. Mr Clark, minister for defence procurement, said that at a meeting of ministers 24 hours earlier there was a majority view that Mrs Thatcher could not survive and Douglas Hurd was identified as the most suitable leadership candidate.

Mr Patten, the new Tory party chairman, said that cabinet ministers "gave her their best view" about the likely outcome of a second ballot. They wanted to avoid a humiliating result. "She was very disturbed, understandably, by the accumulation of views which she had received by that stage. She was enormously dignified. She was witty. It was, however, the most difficult discussion I have had with anybody."



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Father and son jailed for murder of Mendes

From Louise Byrne in Xapier Brazil AFTER the most important retrial. Mendes won intertrial ever to take place in the national recognition for his Brazilian Amazon, rubbertapper leaders embraced each other and wept as Darly Alves da Silva, aged 54, was found guilty by six votes to one of

ordering the murder of a fellow rubber tapper, the wellknown ecologist, Chico murder by the Alves family Mendes, in December 1988. who, for more than 15 years, Alves's son, Darci, aged 23, was found guilty of carrying

the murder. Before a packed and tense courthouse in Mendes's small home town of Xapuri, Judge Adair Longuini sentenced each man

to 19 years in prison after nearly 15 hours of debates and jury deliberation. On hearing the result, rubber-tappers outside the courtas leader of the rubber-tap-

room began singing in homage to the man who knew he was marked to die. His successor pers' trade union, Osmarinio Amancio Rodrigues, told them: "It is time to celebrate, we have suffered too much

and been persecuted for too long. Now we have to move ahead and call for justice for all those who are guilty." The conviction, on what would have been Mendes's

46th birthday, is considered a

victory. The maximum sen-

tence allowed is 30 years, but

if above 20 years the accused would have the right to a

Rickshaw art reflects life without **Ershad**

From Christopher Thomas IN DFIAKA

DHAKA'S rickshaw artists, mostly slum-dwellers who are paid a pittance for their intricate work, are celebrating the end of nine years of political oppression in Bangla-Their brushes are feverishly turning to political imagery during the brief interregnum between the end of

nrobable start of another. Hussain Ershad, the ousted president now under house arrest in sybaritic splendour in a Dhaka mansion, tolerated neither freedom of the pen nor of the brush. The press is traditionally a cowed and obedient poodle, so there is not much hope of a demo-cratic bark from that quarter. Dhaka's rickshaws are an intricately designed blaze of

colour against the grey poverty of the capital. There are 100,000 of them, and they are by far the most important form of transport. Three takas (4p) buys a half-mile ride. The rickshaws are a social

noticeboard, with images of film stars, religious imagery and, in rare times of freedom, popular leaders.

Abdul Rashid, who commissions artists, has told them to start producing some political paintings. "Poli-ticians' faces will now come into style, although film stars will always remain the most popular.'

Abdus Sattar owns 28 rickshaws which he rents to pullers for 50 takas a day. He said that people felt more free now that Mr Ershad had gone, and he expects rickshaw art to start reflecting the desire for genuine democracy. Meanwhile, Kader Siddiqi,

a hero of Bangladesh's independence struggle against Pakistan, returned home from a 15-year exile yesterday to be welcomed by tens of thousands of suporters at Dhaka airport and pledged to help

From NEIL KELLY

IN BANGKOK

GENERAL Chatichai Choonhavan's

astrologer had a decisive influence on

the formation of Thailand's new

government which was sworn in

The astrologer, whose identity is

secret, told the prime minister that it

was vital for his new government to be

announced last Friday. He complied,

but the hasty procedure led to the

exclusion of a major party from the

Kukrit Pramoj, a former prime

minister and leader of the Social

Action Party, said that the prime

minister's aides had insisted that all

names for appointment to the new

cabinet must be submitted by Friday,

although the party which was the

second largest in the outgoing co-

alition had arranged to discuss names

"When we asked, why the hurry,"

said Mr Kukrit, "they said they had to

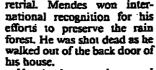
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we could do anything, the new cabinet

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walked out of the back door of his ponse. His death not only caused an international outcry, but marked the most audacious

have instigated a reign of fear among the town's 5,000 Surrounding region.

The trial marked the first

time in 10 years of rural land conflict in Brazil that a has been tried and convicted. Since 1964 1,622 people have been murdered over land but only 21 investigations and

trials have been completed.

After the verdict, Marcio Thomaz Bastos, lawyer for the Mendes family, said: "As well as Darly and Darci, there were others who planned Mendes's death. The struggle to find the others must continue. This is the first step towards an end to impunity in Amazonia." In the two years before

Mendes died, the Alves family is alleged to have committed at least seven murders. The court heard that before 1974, when they moved to the state of Acre, the Alves family also ruled through fear in the town of Umuarama in Paraná state. Alves senior is now to be taken back to Umuarama to stand trial there for the murder of a farmer in 1973.

Eliseu de Oliveira, the public prosecutor, told the five men and two women jurors that the reign of fear was now over in Xapuri and they were not to be afraid to convict the father and son. "I know of no case in Brazilian history of a juror being threatened and suffering after serving on a case. You will not be threatened. If by chance you are, come to the justice and I promise you that those who are guilty will be punished. This family will never practise another crime, and if they are thinking about it, they will think twice," he said.

Several days before the trial began another member of the extended Alves family was one autocratic regime and the taken into custody for allegedly sending death threat notes to Senhor Rodrigues. During the trial Senhor Rodrigues was guarded 24 hours a day by federal police agents, but now has only his rubbertappers to protect him.

João Lucena Leal, the defence lawyer, explained Mendes's death by saying: "He who throws too many stones will find one eventually falls on his head." He added "Osmarinio will follow the same road, if he is not careful." It was announced before the case began that this lawyer is named four times in the Brazilian book, Torture Never Again, as an alleged torturer of political prisoners during the military regime.



Judge Longuini sending Chico Mendes's killers to prison for 19 years

Hopeful Haitians endure long wait to cast a vote

Democratic line-up: voters appeared somewhat wary as they queued in Port-au-Prince yesterday to vote in Haiti's presidential elections. In 1987 the Tontons Macoute, henchmen of the ousted Duvatier dictatorship, killed 34 people when they shot or hacked down citizens outside polling booths

somehow conspire to deny the

priest, whose late entry in the

presidential race has swept

aside the campaigns of most of

the other 10 candidates in the

Only conservative Marc

Bazin, the former banker re-

garded as the American

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the way of the fiery priest who

the country if he wins. The

Duvalierists have vowed to

stop him.

Aristide.

mare of the election day mass killings that shattered their democratic dreams in 1987. Haitians rose early yesterday to try again to elect a government of their choice.

An atmosphere of calm and security contrasted sharply with the terror of three years ago when former members of the Tontons Macoute, the brutal henchmen of the ousted Duvalier dictatorship, gunned and hacked down voters as they lined up at the polls.

"Today we have no fear," said one young man as he waited at dawn with 200 others for a sleepy nightwatchman to unlock the gates of the school, only to find that the ballot boxes and voting papers had not been delivered Troops and police, who had

stood by and watched as the killings erupted in 1987, were this time patrolling in force and assuring everyone of the complete collaboration of an army that inherited power and then tried to hang on to it in the aftermath of President "Baby Doc" Duvalier's flight into exile nearly five years ago.

to the sense of security and used by saboteurs in the past. "I knew everything would dogs were quiet last night," said a woman who waited to vote at the Ecole Argentine, where 17 people were slaughmany impoverished Haitians, where 17 people were slaughtered in the worst incident of

SHRUGGING off the night- there had been gunfire every foreign interests and wealthy night for two months prior to former Duvalierists, will the election. Jimmy Carter, the former predicted victory of Father Jean Bertrand Aristide, a popular but politically radical

American president and one of about 600 international observers, made a symbolic appearance at the school. He said: "We wanted to be here to demonstrate to the Haitian people that there is a different climate today.'



Several hours after the polls opened, not a shot had been fired, but in many parts of the private cars were banned from capital neither had a vote been the streets to pre-empt the cast. By mid-morning, the kind of hit-and-run tactics lengthening queues were growing restless as ballots had still not been delivered in be all right because even the some poor areas of the city.

"For me, this is the start of suspects that the authorities, 1987. Back then, she recalled, in collusion with powerful

Moscow granted credits by Seoul

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

PRESIDENT Roh of South economic and political Korea ended a four-day day visit to the Soviet Union by announcing that his country was ready to grant Moscow long-term credits to establish joint venture companies.

Mr Roh was making the first ever visit by a South Korean leader to the Soviet Union, less than three months after the two countries had established full diplomatic relations.

Although the amounts involved have not been dislenders have insisted on shortterm loans or emergency aid in view of the uncertain North and South Korea.

its way not to emphasise that the new relationship with South Korea would not jeopardise its relations with its old ally, North Korea. The Soviet foreign ministry spokesman, Vitali Churkin,

The Soviet side, while

clearly pleased by the results

of Mr Roh's visit, went out of

gave a further briefing. "We want to keep good relations and broaden co-operation between the Soviet Union and closed, South Korea is the North Korea, but we also want only country in recent months to develop relations with the to have agreed to President South," he said. A joint Gorbachev's request for long- declaration issued at the end term financial help. Most of the visit committed both countries to working towards improving relations between

Thai leader steers by the stars "If the government follows such rejected by the newcomers. Some of

country's helm believes in using an auspicious time to do things." General Chatichai is known to consult astrologers before making important decisions. Now pressure from generals and public uproar over accusations of corruption have forced a government reconstruction. What has emerged is a five-party coalition

with a majority of 97 in parliament, 38

rules, then it can mean disaster for the

country. What would happen if an

invading army was closing in and we

could not find an auspicious time to

begin defending ourselves. It is

frightening that a person at the

fewer than the previous government. Two ministers suspected of corruption have been removed and a third made finance minister. He is Banbarn Silpa-Acha, who is seen by bankers and other businessmen as neither competent nor respectable enough for the key post. Businessmen say the government changes will reduce the confidence of investors. Big industrial and infrastructure projects approved

the biggest communications and transport schemes in the world are at risk, including a new national telephone network involving British Telecom. The appointment of Dr Arthit

Urairat as foreign minister was also seen as political stargazing. A scholar and businessman, he was once chief of the Bangkok waterworks, but otherwise is unknown in Thailand. His party said they were dubious about the appointment, as they did not feel competent to handle foreign affairs. Earlier this year, leaders of the

Democrat Party blamed their internal quarrels and other problems on a beautiful old tree outside their party headquarters. The tree, planted many decades ago by one of the party's founders, had been weakened, party leaders said, by internal decay. Despite public protests the tree was cut down. "Now we can show our unity and regain our old strength," said a party spokesman. But last week the Democrats were forced out of the government because some of its leaders were suspected of corruption.

TV go-ahead for World Service

expand into television news early next year with half-hour daily bulletins available via satellite to television and cable operators in 22 countries.

an international subsidiary, **BBC TV International, which** has promised to sweep the last will sell and distribute World vestiges of Duvalierism from Service Television News in both English and other languages, including German and Japanese. It will also take "In the bourgeois areas the charge of scheduling and

polls are open, but in the slums they are closed," said an BBC TV Europe, which will angry hotel worker who gave also include English-language up after waiting in vain for hours to vote for Father teaching programmes.

James Arnold-Baker, chief executive of BBC Enterprises, said: "BBC TV Europe and "How can this happen?" asked an old man, fearing that other cable and satellite relays his hopes of participating in at have proved that there is a east one honest election in his great appetite overseas for

lifetime would be frustrated BBC television. In a short space of time, the audience has grown to nearly seven "The people are ready to vote, ready to risk their lives. million households. Add to want change and at last that the World Service's global they have their candidate. reputation for authority and tually to increase the length of on International Trade This cannot be happening." reliability, and BBC TV Inter- its television broadcasts.

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC World Service is to national is set to be a major force in world broadcasting." The World Service's plans

to expand into television, first mooted in the mid-1980s, were delayed by the govern-ment's refusal to fund it BBC TV Europe, which already broadcasts the best of BBC1 and BBC2 programmes through a Foreign Office grant as with existing radio broad-18 hours a day to seven million people in Europe, will casts. The BBC sought £10 million from J. Henry Schronow include the new World der Wagg, the merchant bank, but decided instead to use Service Television News proexisting revenue from BBC gramme. The BBC has set up TV Europe, totalling £6 million, to fund its launch.

There will be no licence fee or taxpayers' money in-volved," said Chris Irwin, currently World Service controller of resources and administration who becomes chief executive of BBC TV marketing the relaunched International. John Tusa, managing director of the World Service, said:

The programme will combine the editorial priorities and global news agenda established by BBC World Service radio news with the skills of BBC Television news and current affairs. The crisis in the Gulf shows more clearly than ever the urgent need for World Service Television News."

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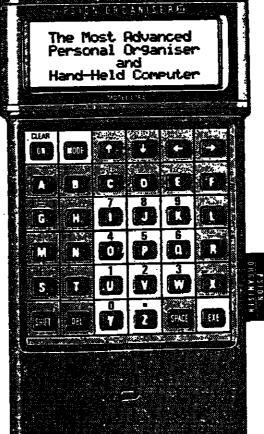
Bogotá – Gunmen shot de at least 24 people in thirs incidents and guerrillas is stroyed an airliner in it lombia. Ten masked my burst into a discotheque my Medellin, killing 12 teenage Other gunmen killed seven a police station at Pue ho Belgica, and five more died sts a bar in Bolivar. (Reuter)

Drug executioning Peking - Four Chinese died traffickers have been execuces in Canton, which is become a a key outlet for heroin sm by gled from Burma throi. southern China to the Wi A the city's Yangcheng Even ole News said. Six trafficking including two Hong Kong c zens, were executed in Canom

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Brisk start as Twelve prepare to update EC's founding treaty

OREIGN and finance ministers the European Community will eet in January for the first llow-up sessions of the two ter-governmental conferences, llowing their brisk and businesse opening at the Rome summit

Experts appointed by each ember country will immediately t down to work today to clarify agenda and begin drafting in al language the various suggesns each country wants to see orporated in the revised Treaty Rome. In keeping with the fast ce laid down at the summit, se experts will meet once a ek, with monthly ministerial riews to look at progress on tieving political and economic i monetary union. They hope to finish both in

the treaties, leaving about 14 months for ratification by national parliaments. The community's new constitution would come into force at the beginning of 1993.

European leaders gave a detailed mandate to their negotiators to look at all the issues suggested so far in preparatory work on political union. These include a common foreign, security and defence policy, more majority voting, extending EC jurisdiction and drawing up a charter for European citizenship.

The leaders emphasised in the communique that such a mandata was not an attempt to pre-empt the outcome of the conference and the European Commission of other issues at any time. To strengthen democratic

out six months, with a further accountability, the summit leaders

Straight bat for Captain Major

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

rgaret Thatcher did not exist, European Community would e had to invent her as a fying force for the other 11 mber states. Perhaps if Jacques ors, the commission president, not existed, John Major ıld have had to invent him. Vithout M Delors and his at to provoke a political crisis r British counter-proposals on nomic and monetary union, re was so much sweetness and t around the new boy at the EC unit in Rome that Mr Major ed finding himself confronted the Commons tomorrow by ed ranks of Tory-Euro sceptics vinced that he had sold the 3. Now they will be reassured. 1 truth he had sold nothing. ain remains opposed to an osed single currency, to the usion of majority voting in the opean Council, to increased slative powers for the Euro-1 parliament, and to elements he social charter which risk

nd while Mr Major may have his name to the summit muniqué, giving greater im-ance to the "social dimen-", he has signed up to nothing rrete. There was in the end no r-governmental conference on subject has not had its clusions dictated before it

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ut the attitude of the 11 ners to British participation in ope has been transformed. He met his first test on the mational scene. Those who ountered him in Rome paid ute to his lack of hesitancy and rmal ease of manner. British bts about the resolve of imunity partners on the Gulf. ut the shape of the plan to aid

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USED to be said that if the Soviet Union, and about the likelihood of unwinding sanctions against South Africa to encourage President de Klerk's reform programme were all resolved. The voluntary ban on new EC investment in South Africa has gone.

The communiqué annexe to the Gulf specifically backed the United Nations Security Council resolution 678 authorising the use of force if there is no Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait by January 15. And the package of food and other aid for the Soviet Union



Delors: threat to provoke a political crisis

was accompanied by warnings of the need not to harm domestic producers by agricultural

Mr Major stated his wish to play a central role in shaping the new Europe, emphasising that Europe was a fact of life to those of his age group and below. Thus, without a word directly denying Mrs Thatcher, he clearly dissociated himself from the years of handbag swinging. But he made it plain that Britain was not for hijacking and that vetoes were there to be used.

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involving the European Par-liament in the appointment of the commission president, increasing its powers to monitor the EC budget and extending its role in the co-operation procedure under the Single European Act. The IGC would also look at a possible role for parliament in initiating legislation. The communiqué said national parliaments must be involved more in EC affairs, and some countries want regional parliaments to have a greater say.

On a common foreign and security policy, the IGC was asked to draw up a framework that would leave the council as the main decision-making centre, but would give the Brussels commission a greater role, though not a sole right of initiative. The Twelve would have to act unanimously in laying down general guidelines on foreign policy, the communique said, allowing also, in a clause designed to satisfy hesitant countries such as Ireland, non-participation or abstention in the voting as a means of not preventing unanimity". Once agreed, policies could be executed

On defence, the summit was careful, saying an EC role would have to be "without prejudice to member states' existing obligations in this area, bearing in mind the importance of maintaining and strengthening the ties within the Atlantic alliance and without prejudice to the traditional positions of other member states". This took in both Irish neutrality and Britain's strongly pro-Nato stance.

The Twelve agreed the thrust of Spanish proposal for common EC citizenship, which included the right to vote in local and European parliamentary elections in other countries, freedom to settle anywhere in the EC even without a job, and joint protection

On strengthening EC competence, the communiqué sugsested a range of new areas where Brussels would have power, including the social dimension, the environment, health, research, energy, completing a trans-Enro-pean transport network, and culture and education. It also wanted inter-governmental co-operation on drugs, immigration, asylum and crime to be brought into the Treaty of Rome.

The Twelve suggested the role of the European Council - the summit meetings of the 12 leaders should be strengthened in There could be more majority voting in the council of ministers, and the commission should have its powers strengthened.

All EC leaders welcomed the communiqué. Giulio Andreotti, the Italian summit host, said the results were better than could have been foreseen "not only a couple of months ago but even a couple of days ago".

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President-elect's prayer: Lech Mass for shippard workers at Christmas, will nominate Jan Gdansk to commemorate the Olszewski, the human rights 1970 killings when dozens of lawyer, as his prime minister rioting Poles were shot dead by (Roger Boyes writes). Mr security forces. He called on his countrymen to take part in the enormous work which remains to
1960s, is part of the Centre
pull Poland out of its economic
Alliance, which fought for Mr

shambles. Mr Walesa, due to be sworn in as president before Olszewski, aged 60, who has defended dissidents since the

Walesa in the presidential campaign. He is regarded as far to the right of Tadeusz Mazowiecki, whose resignation was formally accepted by parliament on Friday. Mr Walesa, who is currently working from a seaside villa in Sopot until his inauguration, wanted to prevent any

much speculation, decided to put forward Mr Olszewski's name. Following a week of horsetrading, the broad contours of the new administration's line-up are already clear. Professor Leszek Balcerowicz has been asked to continue as finance minister. though not as deputy prime

Gorbachev braced for fight to impose his will on parliament

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

WHEN the full Soviet parliament convenes today in Moscow, President Gorbachev will begin a ten-

day struggle to regain the initiative as Soviet leader and subject an increasingly unruly country to his will. At least one republic, Lithuania, is boycotting the proceedings altogether, while others are expected to use the meeting to set pected to use the meeting to set their conditions for remaining in the union.

Preparations for the parliament, the fourth union Congress of People's Deputies, have been accompanied by a crescendo of voices calling for drastic action to restore order. There is speculation that further appeals will be orchestrated through the congress and then used to sanction the declaration of a national emergency. This could entail direct presidential rule throughout the deployment of interior ministry and KGB personnel to enforce it.

The three Baltic republics, which have stated their intention

of seceding from the Soviet Union, have come under particular pressure in the approach to the congress. Last week saw a concerted campaign in the official media to blacken their image in the eyes of the Soviet public, spearneaded by *Pravda* and Tass.

The party paper printed letters from residents in Latvia claiming discrimination and even violence against ethnic Russians, the Soviet military, and communists. There were also barely disguised allega-tions of a fascist revival, "a distasteful hint of brown as Mr Gorbachev expressed it in two recent speeches. Last Tuesday Vladimir Kryuchkov, the head of the KGB, whipped up passions further by warning, in terms reminiscent of an earlier age, of concerted attempts to remove the Communist Party from power and

The congress finds democratic and reformist forces in no condition to oppose the calls for tougher central leadership and the

enforcement of discipline. In its heyday nine months ago, the Democratic Bloc forced the excision from the constitution of the "leading role of the Communist party", then proceeded to gain control of several large cities in local and republic elections.

Since then, however, the bloc's fortunes have declined. It has splintered into two dozen or more separate groups, none of which is large enough to encompass the others. The death of Andrei Sakharov a year ago was a grievous loss to the bloc. Without a leader of his moral authority. who never compromised, the people in contention to unite the movement have been reduced to hurling recriminations at each other for the sins of the past. The economic disorder, the

perceived increase in crime, and the bloc's weakness have been successfully used by groups hostile to reform to back their demands for firm leadership. The Soyuz, or Union, group, which last year was a minority alliance of conservative-minded deputies, is now a force to be reckoned with, representing both the law-andorder lobby and ethnic Russians in non-Russian republics who fear for their lives if the Soviet Union breaks up. Soyuz has been widely associated with calls for a state of emergency and army intervention, but on Saturday it formally expressed support for Mr Gorbachev's leadership and urged the congress agenda to be approved

today without changes. The congress programme includes two highly contentious topics: the restructuring of the central leadership to subordinate the government directly to the president, and the principles of the draft of a new union treaty to modify relations between the centre and the republics. Two other measures are the introduction of a post of vice-president and a new clause in the constitution to permit referendums. There is more to these proposals than meets the eye.

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Apparatchiks defend their party privileges

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

degree of privilege enjoyed by its senior officials and even called for some improvements in their position. Opposition groups, as well as many voters, are likely to be infuriated by the document.

The report presented last week to the party's Central Committee asserts that the bitterly resented perks of apparatchiks have been scaled down greatly in recent years and were in any case exaggerated by anti-communist politicians.

The document, commissioned by the party congress in July and published in *Pravda* yesterday, finds that only a small minority of the Communist Party's 17 million members enjoy any benefits at all.

A REPORT by the Soviet Com-munist Party has defended the leaders have divested themselves of privileges which can only be described as abusive".

> Characteristic of the report's contorted style is the statement that regional party organisations do not generally control dachas or country houses; this is followed by the qualification that the Communist Party organisations of Moscow, Leningrad, Ukraine, Belorussia and Kazakhstan are exceptions to this otherwise iron rule. Provision of dachas for workers at party headquarters in Moscow is explained by the fact that up to now, apparatchiks had "quite unjustifiably" been barred from acquiring their personal dachas or private plots outright.

Rioting spreads in Albania

By RICHARD BASSETT AND DESSA TREVISAN

UNREST continued in Albania at the weekend as President Alia tried in vain to rally the nation. He mobilised the media and harnessed the newly-formed opposition party, the Democratic party, but violence flared in several cities in spite of his desperate appeal for

In the city of Shkoder, demonstrators used dynamite to topple a giant statue of Enver Hoxha, the founder of communist Albania. At the steel works in Ebasan, workers fought pitched battles with police and the army. The battles lasted more than eight hours, forcing the army to deploy the country's entire force of 16 armoured vehicles.

Witnesses spoke of many injuries and an official communique noted that more than a dozen soldiers had been injured.

At the Adriatic port of Durres, buses were burnt and shops looted as several thousand teenage demonstrators took to the streets. More than 50 young people were arrested there, according to the Albanian News Agency. The violence, which continues

in spite of calls for calm by President Alia, opposition party leaders and even the recently freed Roman Catholic Bishop of Shkoder, Simon Xhubani, underlines sition leaders who have also



the rift between intellectuals and the rest of the population. President Alia, who yesterday received telegrams pledging the support of the army, continues to use old communist jargon. Addressing a rally of party veterans and farmers at Pese yesterday, Mr Alia said: "The demonstrators and the protesters have nothing in common

with the Albanian people. We must unite to defend everything that has been achieved in Albania over the last decades of blood and

His words are echoed by oppo-

sweat."

condemned the violence and appealed for calm. Not surprisingly, more and more Albanians question whether real change can take place while Mr Alia remains at the helm. Although he is depicted by many intellectuals as "the Balkan Gorbachev", Mr Alia is a weak man who has never been able to throw off the influence of hardline Communist party veterans.

Albania's exiled King Leka I vesterday said he was prepared to return to his country if the people desired. The exiled monarch, who last set foot in his country as a child in 1939, said by telephone from Johannesburg that he was following closely the events in Albania.

"The new parties have been created astonishingly quickly. There is a great danger of their being manipulated by the communists. I am also sceptical of the possibility of genuinely free elections in February. We must not forget the 48,000 political prisoners languishing in Albania's jails," he said.

The exiled monarch noted that President Alia's tentative reforms, including a reshuffle of the politburo, had done little to dent the enormous power of Hoxha's hardline, stalinist widow, Nexhmije.

Leading article, page 11 for their revenge.

Romania pressure on Iliescu growing Timisoara - Opposition to the

Romanian government gathered pace at the weekend as leading politicians called for its resignation and for its replacement with a government of national unity (Tim Judah writes).

Radu Campeanu, the leader of the National Liberal Party, said that he had asked President Iliescu for the formation of a new government pending new elections and that the president was considering his request. Mr Campeanu was speaking at a press conference in Bucharest called by the leaders of six opposition parties who announced that they had formed a new grouping called the National Convention for the Restoration of Democracy.

The Civic Alliance, an important opposition umbrella calling for the resignation of the government and that it wanted a referendum on whether Romania should be a presidential or parliamentary republic or a constitutional monarchy.

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In the western city of Ti-misoara, birthplace of the Romanian revolution, demonstrators took to the streets chanting: "Iliescu is a liar — we want your skin to make a coat." Ten thousand demonstrators gathered in Opera Square and listened to speeches virtually calling for a second revolution.

Cruise critics

Paris - Jean-Christophe Mitter-rand, the son of President Mitterrand, who serves as his father's chief adviser on African affairs at the Elysée Palace, yesterday faced public criticism for taking a luxury cruise holiday while hundreds of French expatriates were trying to escape the civil war in Chad. The news magazine Le Point claimed that he "did not hesitate to embark on a gastronomic and musical cruise" while the regime of Hissène Habré swung in the balance and numerous French were held up in Chad.

Greek manhunt

Athens - Police launched a hunt for at least 60 prisoners who remained at large after 81 escaped from the main maximum security prison in Greece, having overpowered guards in the country's biggest jailbreak. Hours later, the government ordered an inquiry into the breakout, the second at Korydalos prison, near Piraeus, in little more than a month.

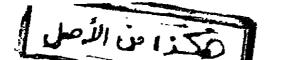
Basque tree bomb

Bilbao - A bomb hidden inside a Christmas tree injured six people near a police station outside Bilbao. Eta separatists have stepped up their violent campaign for Basque independence, killing eight people, seven of them police-men, in the past week. A letter bomb disguised as a Christmas card sent to a prison holding several Eta members in Ceuta was detonated safely. (Reuter)

Plots unearthed

Rome - Italian police, fighting organized crime, bugged the graves of fallen godfathers and gleaned conversations that led to 19 arrests, including "Don" Raffaele Ascione, leader of one of Naples' feared Camorra families. Working at night, the carabinieri wired the Herculaneum cemetery plots of two key crime families, learning from mourning relatives details of how two clan leaders were killed and uncovering plans

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Reluctant Europeans in search of a new defence framework



King: Prague's force in Gulf outdoes most European states

NATO foreign ministers, meeting in Brussels today to discuss the future of the alliance and European security, will survey a scene radically altered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. With the Cold War at an end, European countries had already begun to plan a new security framework, under which America would still play an important role but Europe would

houlder more of the burden. But Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in a speech in Berlin last Monday, envisaged an expanded role for the nine-nation Western European Union, including a ra-pid reaction force which could intervene in conflicts outside Europe. With the majority of WEU members showing a distinct reluctance to join battle with a dictator whose actions threaten not just the security of the Middle

As the Atlantic alliance discusses its future, suggestions of a wider international military role for the Western European Union look over-optimistic, Michael Evans reports

Europe, such a vision seems overoptimistic. If they are not prefront line against President Saddam Hussein, what guarantees of greater commitment can there be in a future conflict?

Since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, America's European allies, with the exception of Britain and France, have found a variety of excuses for limiting their military contribution towards the allied coalition against President Saddam. A remark by Tom King,

East but also the economies of the defence secretary, in Paris earlier this week, epitomised the sense of frustration over the European response to the Gulf confrontation. Even Czechoslovakia, he said, not yet a member of Nato, had sent nearly 200 chemi-

cal warfare troops. If war breaks out - and it is still a strong possibility, in spite of the raised hopes of a peaceful seule-ment — only three members of Nato (the US, Britain and France) will be fighting with troops, tanks and Canada, could be involved in

air warfare. Italy has sent eight Tornado GR1s, and Canada has

deployed 18 CF18s.

For the rest, the principal contribution has been on the naval side. While the sending of warships has been a crucial element in the build-up of forces, the message from the majority of European countries was clear. Deploying ships to the Gulf to form a naval blockade of Iraq was one thing, sending ground troops to fight a war was another. Even the naval offerings were not over-generous in some cases. Greece, with a navy of 12 destroyers and seven frigates, sent one frigate to the Gulf of Agaba. For four months, the Americans have appealed to their alliance partners in Europe for more military help. Last week Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, said that he

own logistical supply lines. No one has yet come forward.

The cynical would say that Britain decided to send an armoured brigade, followed by a second, because of the special relationship with the US and the desire on Margaret Thatcher's part to demonstrate that she was prepared to do to President Saddam what she did to President Galtieri of Argentina in 1982.

The French, the cynical would suggest, joined in because they, too, would not want to be left out. If there was to be a peace table, with a defeated Iraq on the agenda. France wanted a seat. While there may be an element of and France have sent troops, tanks

would like countries to send and artillery, as well as fighter ground troops in integrated units, capable of functioning with their war, British and French servicemen will die alongside their American allies, to rid Kuwait of Iragi forces.

One reason for the present reluctance of other European countries is the involvement of American forces in Saudi Arabia. Nato leaders have always emphasised the importance of retaining the Atlantic connection in any discussions on the future of the alliance, yet when the United States intervenes in out-of-area regional conflicts, or decides to "do something" about leaders who pose a particular threat to Western society - Colonel Gad-affi in 1986 - most European allies do not want to be involved.

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Setback to peace hopes as Baghdad backs off US talks

From Martin Fletcher in Washington and Juan Carlos Gumucio

PROSPECTS for a diplomatic build-up to force Iraqi troops resolutions, to find a solution solution to the Gulf deadlock out of Kuwait. A statement except within the framework received two big setbacks at issued in Damascus after talks of an international settlethe weekend when Iraq called off discussions with Wash- his Syrian counterpart, Presiington and President Chadli dent Assad, said that "the out of Kuwait and "avoid Benjedid of Algeria aban- possibilities for achieving a anticipated big tragedies to the doned hopes of an Arab solution in the Gulf separate

solution to avert war.

Although the White House said that dialogue with Bagh- Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait dad was still possible, the to allow the return of the sure, the US administration chances of direct talks to avert ruling al-Sabah family and war before the January 15 heed the calls "of all sincere deadline diminished substan- Arabs" tially when Baghdad cancelled today's visit to Washington by its foreign minister, Tario

In a similarly unexpected move, Algeria yesterday aban-doned its quest for an exclu-trenched in Saudi Arabia. "It doned its quest for an exclusively "Arab solution" to the Gulf conflict and indirectly endorsed the US-led military passing of international

From Paul Adams in Jerusalem and Martin Fletcher

MOSHE Arens, the Israeli killings at its weekly meeting,

alleged members of the out- of terrorism.

any Israeli action that could deterrent."

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demned by the Bush adminis-

alienate Washington's Arab

allies in the Gulf conflict by

diverting attention to the

cision," said a state depart-

the Fourth Geneva Conven-

treatment of inhabitants of

House at which they discussed

on the need for Israel to

continue keeping a low

profile.

The deportation decision

also undermines current US

attempts to dilute a proposed

United Nations resolution

which suggests an interna-tional Middle East peace con-

ference be convened to resolve

the Arab-Israeli conflict, something Israel rejects.

Israeli authorities arrested at

least 600 suspected Islamic militants over the weekend, Hamas vowed to continue a

holy war against Israel. As many as 400,000 Palestinians

were under curfew as the army

continued its search for those

responsible for Friday's mur-

The cabinet discussed the

der of three Israelis in Jaffa.

In the Gaza Strip, where the

occupied territories."

The US deplores this de-

Arab-Israeli confrontation.

between President Chadli and from an international settlement have faded" and urged

Arabs". Hussein might yet drop his
The brief statement left no refusal to meet James Baker, doubts that Algeria has firmly sided with Syria, Baghdad's arch-rival, which has pledged 15,000 soldiers and 300 tanks has become impossible, after the passage of time and the

Baker visits Baghdad, the greater the likelihood that the Americans will have to postpone the January 15 deadline, eroding its credibility, and the America condemns more time for anti-war sentiment to grow in the United **Israel expulsions** George Mitchell, the Senate

Democratic leader, said in Cairo yesterday: "We believe that this missed opportunity is a serious miscalculation by President Saddam Hussein."

ment," it said. Iraq should "take the initiative" and pull

region and Iraq".
In spite of Iraq's increasd

isolation and repeated refusal

to bow to international pres-

made it clear that it still believes President Saddam

the US Secretary of State, in

Underlying the administra-

tion's continued optimism is its belief that Iraq really wants

the talks and is indulging in

brinkmanship to force Washington's hand. The later Mr

Baghdad before January 12.

defence minister, yesterday and reports suggested that a In a Washington Post intertold Palestinians to expect majority of its members advoview William Webster, the further deportations, after Sat- cate the imposition of the CIA director, said US intelliurday's decision to expel four death penalty for serious acts gence experts believed Presi-dent Saddam might order a "We must take all the m effective to partial pull-out or some other The move to resume deal with the phenomenon (an deportation of Palestinian ac-inrease in religious and move that fell short of the UN demand for a complete withtivists from the occupied terri- nationalist fanaticism)," Mr drawal by January 15 in order to buy time. But he would not tories was immediately con- Arens told Israel radio. "I fully comply with the UN resolution until convinced he have no doubt that deportatration, which is sensitive to tions are an effective was "in peril of imminent

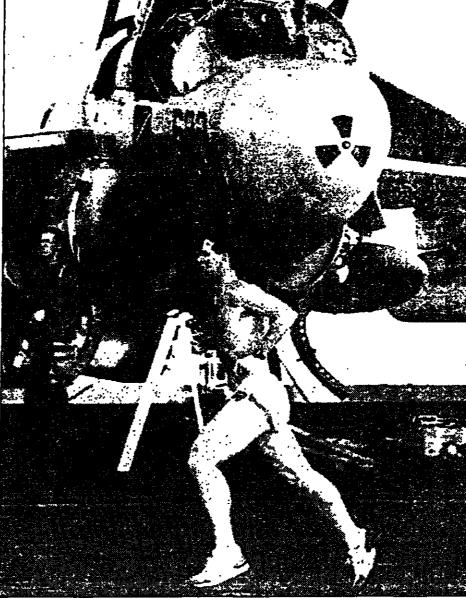
military attack". The last deportations took place in September 1989. Ear-● MOSCOW: Soviet diplier that year, Yitzhak Rabin, lomatic initiative on the Gulf then the defence minister, has apparently come to nothdeclared that the policy had ing after a planned meeting between the foreign minister, "been found to be ineffective ment spokesman. "We've in the battle against the ... Eduard Shevardnadze, and consistently ... held that such intifada". Other studies have the chairman of the Palestine deportations are a violation of found a correlation between Liberation Organisation, Yas-sir Arafat, failed to materialise deportations and an increase

tion as it pertains to the in the level of violence. (Mary Dejevsky writes). The meeting was to have taken place in Turkey during Mr Arens is reported to have asked for the deportation Only last week President of 14 Palestinians, but Mr Mr Shevardnadze's visit to Bush had a meeting with Shamir gave permission for Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli only four. Mr Shamir, who Ankara at the end of last week, but the Soviet foreign ministry spokesman, Vitali Churkin, said a combination of an airprime minister, at the White heard US concerns about deportations last week, told line strike in Athens and unthe Gulf conflict at length and the cabinet that it was imcertainty about Mr Arafat's portant to take international schedule made it impossible. opinion into account.



Arens: claims deportation is an effective deterrent





Runway: Kolin Jan, a US Navy pilot commander, jogging past an EA6B bomber on the deck of the aircraft carrier, the USS J. F. Kennedy, in the Red Sea. US Navy iets will strike targets in western Iraq if war commander of the Red Sea task force, said

(Reuter reports). Jets in the Gulf would back up any invasion by allied ground troops against the Iraqi army in Kuwait. "The number one mission is to go in and strike those targets we're called on to strike.

Tanks out in Fez after food rioters loot luxury hotel

From PENNY GIBBINS IN FEZ

esterday after weekend riots in which five people died, according to officials.

Police were out in force in demonstrations continued overnight. In Fez. where the unrest erupted on Friday. more than 200 people have been arrested. Opposition activists said several political and trade union militants had been rounded up.

Guards have been increased ment buildings, and the quarter-finals of the Moroccan football championship were postponed at the last minute.

In Fez at the weekend, the atmosphere was tense. Crowds of people scowled at the light tanks and armoured cars which stood in front of main public buildings, factories and main crossroads.

Most of the guns were trained on the poorer quarters, whose inhabitants, furious at rising food prices, had vented their anger on a nearby 5-star hotel - Les Merinides looting and smashing it, and then setting it on fire. Only a blackened shell remained.

dramatic siege and escape by foreign tourists. Now safe in another luxury botel, the only refused, the crowd at first 100.

FIGHT security was imposed dispersed, but returned in in Morocco's main cities greater numbers and burst into the hotel.

Mrs de Chastenay said: "We thought it was a bread riot. We saw seven-year-old boys ear-Fez and Rabat, and sporadic lier in the day shouting slogans against the king."

Hotel staff and guests took refuge on the hotel's upper floors with Mr de Chastenay trapped outside. "I was really frightened." he said. "We could hear crashes downstairs as they broke up the hotel - it went on and on. Then I at banks, shops and govern- smelled fire, so I wrapped my daughter in towels."

They were eventually discovered by the rioters, who themselves helped the tourists to escape unscathed, by climbing down a ladder. Most lost their belongings, including passports and money.

Six more tourists escaped later when security forces stormed the hotel, clearing a path through the rioters by firing live bullets, while a helicopter dropped tear gas. A German MP said the whole operation was like something Beirut.

How many died is far from clear. The government says five - a soldier stabbed, a The hotel was the scene of a youngster crushed, and three other people dying of their wounds. However, the trade unions put the figure at 25 and one to have escaped damage, a in Fez itself it has been Swiss tourist, Mrs Sabine de established that five more Chastenay, said that hundreds local people had died in the of angry people had sur-rounded the building, three believed to be asphyxidemanding that the staff join ated. Some reports in Fez say

Iraq 'on way to A-bomb'

By MICHAEL EVANS

IRAQ may have succeeded in building a special uranium enrichment factory, raising fears that President Saddam Hussein could have a nuclear capability within a year, according to a newspaper report yesterday.

American and British intelligence experts are con-vinced that Iraq is still some way from building a "deliv-erable" nuclear bomb, in spite of Baghdad's intensive efforts to acquire the technology over the last few years.

However, according to The Sunday Times, Iraq managed to build a prototype gas centrifuge plant, vital for turning low-grade uranium into bomb-grade tranium, with the unwitting help of a scientist from West-Germany.

The equipment for the laboratory plant had been supplied from France, Germany.

Until now, expert opinion was that Iraq would be in-capable of completing an atomic bomb programme until it had built a gas centrifuge facility. There has been no official evidence of such a facility existing in Iraq.

'Little town' becomes ghost town

From Richard Owen in Bethlehem, Occupied West Bank

newspaper front pages this week; a young man in uniform, hand on hip, an Uzi subform, hand on hip, an Uzi subform. Bathlaham is a control of the absence of Nov. Bathlaham is a control of the absence of Nov. Bathlaham is a control of the absence of Nov. Bathlaham is a control of the absence of Nov. Bathlaham is a control of the absence of Nov. Bathlaham is a control of the absence of the absenc machine-gun slung over his Now Bethlehem is a ghost dialogue." shoulder, a faintly quizzical town. Once considered a stare beneath his crew cut.

junior member of an Israeli foot pairol in Bethlehem, when a roadside bomb ended his life. He had only just completed his basic training, Manger Square headquarters, and was part of reinforce- surrounded by a high wirements sent to the occupied mesh fence against stones and territories to control disturbances as the Palestinian themselves for further vi-

The bomb, and the unprecedented four-day curfew which followed, have soured an already tense atmosphere in the spotlight. Bethlehem, which until the uprising made its livelihood square and the fourth-century uprising made in the chousands of tourists Church of the Nativity, Elias

the birthplace of Christ, es- deplored the killing of Arabs centre of political moderation Guy Friedman was 19, a because of its middle-class Christian Arab population, it of Christ's birth was anis now one of the hotspots of the Palestinian revolt.

petrol bombs, are bracing intifada begins its fourth year. olence in case the underfada takes advantage of Beth- Beit Sahour increasingly fall lehem's annual appearance in

At his office overlooking the Liberation of Palestine.

HE stared out from all Israeli and pilgrims who flocked to Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem, The nearby town of Beit

Sahour (Shepherds' Fields), on the hillside where the news nounced by the angels, has maintained a tradition of Police commanders at their Arab-Jewish dialogue despite Israelis from the peace movement braving the stones and burning tyres to meet moderate Palestinians in their threat, as both Bethlehem and radical Popular Front for the

which middle-class residents activist said.

of Beit Sahour refused to pay taxes to the occupying forces, community. The local Muslim minority (the Bethlehem area is one of the few Christiandominated Arab parts of the West Bank) supports Hamas, the outlawed Islamic fundamentalist group.

"Let 1991 be the year of destroying the enemy," says the intifada, with left-wing one of the many PFLP slogans scrawled on the walls of Beit Sahonr. There is not much room for dialogue and coexistence there. Instead, the talk is homes. But this too is under of the need to inflict casualties on Israelis so that Israel will come to regard its occupation under the influence of the of the West Bank as a liability and withdraw.

Last year's tax rebellion, in means of struggle," one PFLP

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Major shows his metal

Ronald Butt

hen a British political party needs both a new leader and significant shifts of policy it often chooses the person who seems most loyal to the old order but who then in practice sets about changing it. So, after the collapse of the Suez adventure, the Tories turned to Harold Macmillan, ostensibly the candidate of the traditionalists and the centre-right, in preference to the "liberal" (or "wet") Rab Butler. It was as though the party had tacitly decided to ignore Macmillan's long-standing "middle way" social politics and his fliration with a brand of economics that many Tories thought not far short of socialist. Macmillan as prime minister not only went into reverse on Suez and "colonialism" but practised the kind of economic management against which Mrs Thatcher's government was later

Likewise, Harold Wilson, the candidate most closely associated with Labour's troublesome left, was elected leader in 1963 in preference to George Brown, the natural heir to Hugh Gaitskell. Wilson had known better than to offend against Labour's "ark of the covenant", as he liked to call it, by which he meant that he would not be so silly as to talk about repealing the commitment to public ownership or to fight the party conference over its support for unilateral nuclear disarmament. Nevertheless, he became a traditionalist prime minister, adhering to Nato and nuclear weapons, fighting (though unsuccessfully) to "save" the parity of the pound and even trying to defeat the unions

over pay.
As for Neil Kinnock, once the darling of the Tribune Group, he has done more than any other Labour leader to free Labour from its socialist roots and to make it electable, however little conviction he personally carries as a potential prime minister.

Now we have John Major who, though elected Tory leader by the will of the Thatcherites as a means of stopping Michael Heseltine, immediately appointed Mr Heseltine to deal with (and if necessary to get rid of) the poll tax, who talks in terms of a more compassionate type of Conservatism (which he has, for instance, rightly demonstrated by finding compensation for Aids-infected haemophiliacs) and shows every sign of wanting to provide more money for the public services.

Above all, he has already re-placed Mrs Thatcher's blank hostility to European monetary union by a willingness to talk more affably about it. while maintaining the same essential objections to the damage the Delors plan would do to national sovereignty and parliamentary dially with Chancellor Kohl, he has so succeeded in defusing the tension as to annoy M Delors into threatening that "we" will "pro-

voke a second political crisis" if necessary. Who "we" are is less than clear - the Commission or the Council of Ministers? The reality is that if Mr Major can persuade his fellow heads of government that their real needs are similar to Britain's, and can find an agreed way forward that is different from the Delors approach, there is nothing that M Delors or any other commissioner can do about it.

Mr Major's great asset is his willingness to get on with the other heads of government (his natural allies in dealing with the Com-mission) instead of affronting them as, for example, Mrs Thatcher offended Herr Kohl over the approach to German unity.

In this pragmatic and positive approach to Europe, Mr Major has the support of a broad spectrum of political opinion in all British parties. His real difficulty is in his wish to shift the balance of Tory policy back towards the middle way in social matters, finding more money that would shorten hospital waiting lists, provide better schools and the like. The changes he wants to make to Thatcherism are clear enough. The difficulty is where the money is to come from as the economic recession deepens, as it will, in the coming months.

More money through higher

taxation is politically out of the question. So is inflationary borrowing. The government cannot look to a buoyant revenue. If Mr Major will risk offending vested interests, a little money could be found by combing out departmental support grants to non-official bodies over which Parliament has no control. But the truth is that, given his anti-inflationary priority, Mr Major is in a trap. He can offer a few minor palliatives but as yet nothing more. The fact that Labour (inadequate as it is still felt to be) is ain creeping up on the Tories in the opinion polls is a portent.

That is why talk about a honeymoon dash for an early election is misplaced. Voters would scent a deceit. But the more favoured time, next October, would be even more risky, since Mr Major's personal honeymoon with the voters will by then be over and the recession will probably be at its deepest. Though interest rates will be down there will not have been time for the recovery to be felt. Nor will there have been the opportunity for a pre-election expansionary budget or for the money needed to be made available for the public sector.

Logic therefore points firmly towards an election at the latest possible moment for the ending of this parliament - the summer of 1992. To wait is a hard decision to take, but Mr Major's personal and olitical record s the nerve to take it. He should do so if he wishes to achieve the proper mixture of continuity and change that is his purpose.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

in London, yet in a world of their own, are tens of thousands of tourists. You hear their accents in coffee bars and smile as they try to tip bus conductresses. Their lives

hardly engage with ours. The younger and poorer ones study guide books with titles like "London on \$15 a Day". This type of tourist gets value for money. The older and richer type you can observe enjoying a top quality excursion, shepherded from the dress circle at Covent Garden to the better tables at the Savoy by discreet couriers. This type get value for money too; for, though they pay for it, they get the best. I expect there are guide books written for them, as well.

But nobody has written a guide to the commonest tourist experience of all in London: paying through the nose for complete tat. Where can you find the tackiest rubbish at the highest prices? For extortionate hotels, greedy cabbies, costly trash and boutique beer at ripoff prices, London is paradise. Connoisseurs of the bad deal deserve their own special guide to the very worst.

After two weeks' research, assisted by Dominic McLoughlin (to whom, thanks) I can offer an advanced peek from our Silliest Prices guide to London. It takes the form of a two-day excursion (flights included) from Zurich. The package has been designed for a more Swiss Family Robinson: Mr and Mrs Toblerone and their two sous, Fritz, 15, and Ernest, 12.

British Airways' return fare from Zurich to Heathrow (economy class) is £411 return. Honestly. Yes, I know you can have two weeks in Kenya or the Caribbean, hotel included, for less: but the Toblerones want to visit London. All four will pay the full adult fare.

At Heathrow they will stop in Grandma Lee's for refreshments. Mr and Mrs T will enjoy a cappucinno coffee (£1.20) each, sharing a small mineral water (£1.25), and allowing Fritz to have an orange juice at the same price, and Ernest a Coke. A salmon sandwich (£2.70) catches Mr T's eye at the "standing" bar. The others each

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have one cheaper sandwich. Having snacked at a total cost of £13.35, it is time now to look around for souvenirs. In Teddies at Heathrow, they

sell teddies. An "own brand" teddy, rather more than a foot high, reduced from £79.99 to £49.99 is a bargain too good to miss. There is nothing special about this teddy. Nor about the coffee mug with the bad transfer of a punk, at £2.75. A policeman's plastic helmet (at £4.50 the same price as a 100 per cent polyester baseball cap bearing the London Transport logo, made in Taiwan) is Ernest's choice. Fritz lashes out £15.99 for an "ivory" Tower Bridge, four inches by three, at the Heathrow W H Smith, though he may regret this when he spots the same item selling at a third of the price in the tourist shop opposite Big Ben.

Something in Mr Toblerone rebels. He orders his family to put back the teddy, mug and helmet, saving £57.24. It's time to hit London. Computer Cab quotes £31 ("plus £1.50 booking fee") for the journey into town. With

luck, then, they will arrive safely

at Russell Square. I am not going to tell you the name of the hotel they choose. It was the first one we examined and, for all I know, represents good value by comparison with the others. But until I can do better, I place the Toblerones at a large, characterless, modern establishment, lacking distinction of any kind. It is clean, adequate, but not luxurious. and has a bar in a rather unsuccessfully mock London club style. At this hotel, double

rooms with bath are £107 per night each. Let us take stock. The holiday (one night paid) has so far cost the Toblerones £1,919.84. That is about £1 more than the single person's "income support" (what used to be supplementary benefit) for a whole year.

Let us buy Fritz an ice-cream (one cone) in Parliament Square for 50p and, before we book four seats for the most smartassed Sondheim musical in town, pause for a moment's

shamed silence. It is only 6pm, and the

Toblerones have yet to dine.

Michael Binyon reports on the pique and frustration behind that 'political crisis' threat

What does Delors think he's doing?

the first for years to end in harmony and goodwill. There was no dissenting British voice, no sovereignty tantrums, po denunciations of continentals conspiring to impose a federal Europe. Mr Major was well pleased with his debut on the European stage, and Britain's partners were pleasantly surprised by him. Why then did Jacques Delors spoil the mood with such waspish rancour? Why did he threaten to wreck the reconciliation before it had even been sealed?

M Delors, president of the Commission, is a far-sighted analyst. He knew that much of the warm glow at Rome was atmospheric, the result of a determined effort by Britain and the other 11 to begin a fresh page in their relations. He saw that Britain's new tone did not herald completely new policies, and that the fundamental differences among the Twelve on both political and economic union can long be glossed over with good intentions. He remains suspicious of Britain,

Partly his outburst was one of frustration. For Mrs Thatcher's

cold war. All had looked forward to the day when ideological con-flict would end. But when it did, other differences, long suppressed, came to the surface. As long as she was there, M Delors could raily the other 11 behind the cause of European integration. But as Eastern Europe has found, defeat the common enemy and the momentum is lost, Local national-

isms quickly grow.

As Mr Major insisted, there is no longer an automatic 11-1 majority in the community. On both monetary and political union, there is now a kaleidoscope of opinions. Each twist of events changes the alliances and configurations. And some of the new patterns are not to

M Delors' liking.
For although he is the most effective leader the community has ever known, he has a selfrighteous certainty bordering on arrogance. He often says he is only the servant of the 12 government But he takes very seriously the vision of the community's founding fathers, and what he sees as the Commission's role to protect this. He insisted again in Rome that nothing should be done to close

the window on the federal Europe they envisaged. And some of the cross-winds blowing at the summit ested to him that this window may be harder to keep open than

For the Franco-German alliance, the motor of the community which had pulled it along the federal path, now seems to be heading slightly off course. France wants European political inte-gration to be an inter-governmental affair, with a strengthened European Council - the six-monthly summits of the 12 leaders - playing the leading role; it sees little need to give more power to supranational institutions such as the Commission. As often before, the French have persuaded the Germans to go along largely with their proposals which, with only a few modifica-tions, Mr Major could also accept.

That would be a powerful troika. Only Italy, the other big power, together with Spain, Greece, Belgium and Luxembourg would remain closely aligned to the Commission.

Divergences are also appearing on EMU, which M Delors correctly sees as a fundamental step to a federal Europe. Furthermore, as chairman of the group that drew up the report bearing his name, his own personal interests and pres-tige are closely involved. M Delors' concern is that the whole plan could yet run into the sand, as did the Werner plan for monetary union in the 1970s. He opposes any modification to his original proposals and believes that acceptance of Mr Major's hard-ecu evolutionary approach would slow the momentum, particularly at a time when French and German economic policies are drifting apart. He is, in addition, worried

Britain and the Bundesbank. But M Delors' pique should not be over-estimated. His remark that he would be willing to provoke a "political crisis" over Britain's EMU proposals was in answer to a question, and not intended as quite the challenge to Mr Major that it looks in retro-spect. Nevertheless, it is sure to lead to an angry argument within the Commission today, especially as several commissioners believe the remark will only rekindle the row with Britain they had hoped was laid to rest, making it more

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difficult for Britain now to move closer to the Commission's ideas. M Delors, like everyone else. accepts that the results of the two

intergovernmental conferences cannot be pre-empted. Mr Major's plan must be put on the table and discussed, as must all the varying proposals for deepening the community's political integration. Why, otherwise, hold the con-ferences? All 12 now accept that the Treaty of Rome will be amended and that considerable changes in the way the community functions are inevitable.

M Delors, in best French tradition, believes that issues are best clarified by argument. He frequently notes that nobody, five years ago, would have believed today's degree of EC integration possible. He says the debate in the two conferences over the commu-nity's future should illumine where it wants now to go.

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But the kind of ad hominem argument he engaged in with Mrs Thatcher over the past three years has plainly taken a toll on his nerves. Perhaps his warning to Mr Major was merely a cry of despair at the thought of going through it all over again.

Lost cause, but still they hanker for the hangman

As MPs vote today on the restoration of capital punishment, Bernard Levin wonders how otherwise civilised men can support so barbaric a practice

hence comes the extraordinary and apparently implacable desire among Members of Parliament (mostly Conservative) to have people strangled or, at the least, have their necks broken? There are one or two people I would love to strangle, and a few whose necks I would be happy to break, but it is all pretty metaphorical; given the chance, I dare say I would make a lordly gesture of forgiveness and go my way. Not these; necks are for stretching, they never tire of saying, and despite the countless disappointments they have had to face in their decades of fruitless yearning for a rope, a trap door and three rousing cheers, their loving dream is with them still.

I know some of them; indeed, one, before he became an MP, ould be found shoulder to shoulder with me, as we filibustered away in the mad hope of trying to make the National Union of Journalists a body that could be taken seriously. (We did not succeed, of course, but that was hardly our fault; when I asked Hercules to help he said: "You must be joking, mate.") But what I am saying is that in those days he exhibited no such interest in necks and their breaking; what bug has so severely bitten a calm, logical and agreeable man that he lives in the hope, however far it has receded, of giving the National Union of Neckstretchers a shot in the arm?

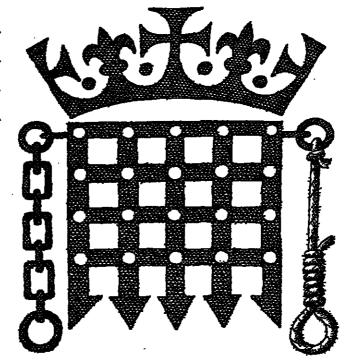
This business is much odder than you might think. Capital punishment was abolished in Britain in 1965; since then, no fewer than 15 parliamentary attempts have been made to restore it to the statute book, all of which have failed. When Labour was in office, there was really no serious chance of a restoration of neckbreaking; the great majority of Labour MPs were (and still are) seainst it, and there was always a substantial number of Tories willing to go into the No lobby as well, Nevertheless, there were regular

attempts, presumably for demonstration purposes; by keeping the death cell warm until a Tory majority could be assembled, they would be ready for the lovely sight of the black cap. When Labour fell, in 1979, the Tory advocates of capital punishment retired to the Hanging Gardens of Babycham to toast success; to their surprise and dismay the first attempt failed, and every attempt since then has been defeated, usually by a larger majority than the previous tally, despite the fact that the ensuing Conservative governments had much bigger majorities than in 1979.

The hangers have tried every path into their beautiful dream hanging only for premeditated murder, for the murder of children or policemen - every form and ruse has been rebuffed. The most recent attempt was made only two and a half years ago; the trick was to give juries trying murder cases the right to recommend (only recommend) capital punishment. Yet even that plea was defeated, in a free vote on both sides of the

House, by a majority of 123. It should surely be plain that the longer the span of time since capital punishment was abolished. the weaker will become the passion for its restoration. After all, an entire generation has been born and grown up in a land where (like almost all European lands, incidentally) capital punishment is unknown. I am sure there are many MPs who think that capital punishment might help to keep down the murder-rate (it will not) but who would recoil in mingled embarrassment and revulsion at the very idea of passing a bill through all its stages and then advertising for hangmen, training them (quis custodiet?), building scaffolds and finally watching the first poor devil to draw the short

Of course, we are told that MPs' postbags are stuffed to bursting with demands from their constituents for the restoration; certainly, the Tory party in conference is so



given to screaming - literally screaming - for the stretching of necks that the organisers of the conference (the rule was imposed some years ago) have to make sure that the hanging debate is fixed for a time which makes it difficult for the television companies to show more than a few moments, if that, of the eldritch howling for the compression of windpipes, so revolting is the sight and sound. As it happens, I already knew Waddington was an inadequate Home Secretary, but if I had not I would have deduced it at once from his shallow, stale, sycophantic speech on crime and punishment, which had the howlers and screamers on their feet, particularly when he announced that there would be another parliamentary chance for the

restoration of the Bourbons. Now, happily, we have a new man in the Home Office, one who voted against capital punishment last time round — as did the new prime minister, while his predecessor voted for it, as indeed she had consistently done. As before, the neckstretchers have tried to find the easiest path to their goal; apart from the special categories mentioned above, they propose a cumbersome and meaningless system of special consideration by the



Court of Appeal when a capital sentence has been handed down; some have also, rather less attractively, kept the word "hanging" out of the their proposal, though

hanging is what they are after.

They will be defeated, as they must know, and they will be defeated by a larger majority next time, and a yet larger one the time after that. This passion for a lost cause, therefore, seems to need a psychological explanation, which I am in no position to supply. But when you think of the astonishingly small number of murders in

Britain, even including the sectarian and terrorist ones in Northern Ireland, does it not seem very strange that so many MPs, who have many more pressing and important matters to attend to, are obsessed by this one - obsessed to the extent of repeatedly courting defeat with an ever-diminishing chance of achieving success?

Moreover, when the figures are examined, a very substantial proportion of murders turn out to be of a kind that even most of Waddington's harpies would not wish to visit with the extreme penalty: the murder of a brutal, drunken, wife-beater, say, by a woman driven beyond endurance, or a mother on the edge of breakdown who kills a child born hideously deformed both physically and mentally. These killings. are murder under our law, but few, I think, would want hanging for them. The result is that the number of what might be called exemplary hangees shrinks to practically nothing is it not strange, as I say, that so many Tory MPs are still implacably determined that Mahomet shall one day come to the mountain, no matter that the mountain has long ago been razed to the ground?

nd what about those postbags? If the Tory conference has to be serrymandered to prevent the nation seeing it fanes bared, baying for blood, and the parliamentary timetable hurried along so as to get the hanging debate forgotten long before the election, does not that suggest that the nation as a whole is by no means as rope-loving as the rope's parliamentary supporters claim? Perhaps we could enshrine the hanging debate (and what about flogging - why don't the floggers even get a discussion, let alone a debate?) in one of those bits of parliamentary procedure still lying about from centuries ago (such as

the rule that an MP wanting to raise a point of order during a division must do so sitting down and wearing a hat), their purpose long since forgotten, but their quaintness protecting them from complete abolition.

Let the scaffold-lovers have their debate, and let them be defeated. But to show that there are no hard feelings, let us join them, after the division, in a drink at the Neckstretchers' Arms.

Listing, but far from sunk

The row over the weekend leaks about who may be on Mrs Thatcher's resignation honours list looks certain to increase pressure for radical reform of a system that critics say is both secretive and suspect, with arbitrary criteria and superficial verting procedures.

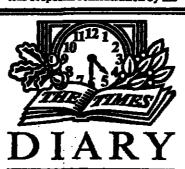
The political honours scrutiny committee, set up after the scandal over the sale of peerages and knighthoods by Lloyd George, remains purely advisory. If Mrs Thatcher wishes to ignore the advice of its three members currently the Labour peer Lord Shackleton, the former Conservative foreign secretary, Lord Pym, and the former Liberal leader, Lord Grimond - she may do so with impunity, as Harold Wilson is believed to have done with his controversial list in 1976 that included the textile millionaire Lord Kagan and the businessman Sir Eric Miller.

None of the scrutiny committee is willing to speak publicly about its work. Lord St John of Fawsley, a noted constitutionalist, says: "It is difficult to know what criteria the committee applies in assessing suitability; they should certainly include moral character and appropriateness of the honour to the individual." But he is not among those clamouring for reform. "The committee can go back to the prime minister and ask further questions, but ultimately it is right that only the Crown can have a veto - though it would be highly unusual for any modern

Others argue for the replacement of prime ministerial patron-age with an independent honours commission, on the model of the Arts Council or the University Grants Committee. The Speaker's commission on citizenship re-cently called for a new honours system administered by Parament and not by the executive. "At present we have a system in which honours are part of the spoils of electoral victory. It has nothing to do with democracy," says one of its members.

The present system has produced at least one delicious irony over the almost certain inclusion on Mrs Thatcher's list of Bernard Ingham, her press secretary. It was Ingham who, in an off-the-record lobby briefing, likened Pym, now a member of the scrutiny committee, to Mona Lot, the lugubrious character from BBC radio's Itma whose catch phrase was "It's being so cheerful that keeps me going". Just as well for Ingham's own state of cheerfulness that the committee does not have the power of veto over whatever honour he is in line to receive.

● Labour MP Alf Morris, widely respected on both sides of the House for his unstinting campaign for the disabled, was paid an extraordinary compliment in a Commons committee considering his amendment to the Disability Living Allowance bill last week. "For me to follow Mr Morris on a matter of this kind," said Tory Andrew Rowe, "is a bit like a barfly in a karaoke pub following Michael Jackson." Despite the compliment, the presence of the government payroli vote ensured that on this occasion, at least, the barfly beat the superstar.



Make a canvass

s Bonhams of London prepares to sell another batch of Tom Keating's paintings today, the famous faker can enjoy a posthumous laugh. Seven years after his death, experts still cannot agree exactly how many of his forgeries are masquerading as originals in galleries and private collections. When the former Navy stoker

was unmasked, he admitted to 2,000 fakes, purporting to be by artists such as Titian, Constable, Turner and Monet, and his "Sexton Blakes" (as Keating called them in rhyming slang) were subsequently discovered in galleries all over the world.

But the art fraternity fears there are many more. "He started painting and restoring when he was 20, and continued right through his life for nearly 50 years, so no one has any real idea how much of his work is still in circulation." says Nicola Fyse, who catalogued the Keating paintings for the Bouhams sale. "Probably some of his paintings are still hanging in galleries, but there are likely to be far more

in private homes. There is a small consolation for owners of Keating forgeries: they

are now collectors' items in their own right. Bonhams expect his 1984 version of "Sunflowers" (inscribed "après Vincent Van Gogh") to fetch £10,000.

Hotter gospel

ven the word of God can be improved with the aid of the experts, judging by the establishment of a communications team at Church House to help the clergy get their message across. It is directed by the Rev Eric Shegog, a former head of broadcasting at the IBA, who will soon be joined by two informa-tion officers. Later it will hire a media training officer who, says Shegog, "will teach priests how best to cope with interviews, performing as part of a panel, front-of-camera techniques, that

sort of thing."
Such skills will be particularly relevant with the advent of broadcasting deregulation. "We will not be telling the clergy to have their teeth capped but advis-



ing on presentation in general terms," Shegog says. "For example, we will tell our people to look carefully at the background they are shown against to make sure it matches the story. Non-verbal communication is important in conveying a message.

Not everyone is thrilled by such media talk. The Rev Bill Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, says: "The best communication is grassroots level. The church could survive without Church House but it could not survive without the parishes." But Shegog denies he is jumping on a trendy PR bandwagon: "Communicating the experience of God has been going on since Christ died. We are only updating our techniques."

Aurochs story

ucceeding where Theseus failed, a German scientist has slain the legendary Minotaur. The half man, half bull creature of the labyrinth was, in fact, a cross between domestic cattle and the aurochs, an extinct type of oxen, according to Gunter Nobis, the former director of the Alexander Koenig museum, in Bonn.

Nobis reached his conclusion after examining bones found by the British archaeologist Arthur Evans in 1894 at the Palace of Knossos in Crete, which is believed to be the inspiration for the labyrinth. Nobis identified many of the bones as being from the aurochs, which stood just under 5ft high. Crete became a bullbreeding centre and the Minotaur was the ultimate cross-breed, although of a quite different variety from that the legend would have us believe. A load of old bull, one,

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An opportunity was missed at the Rome summit. Mr Major wrongly concluded that this was not the moment to raise too emphatically the ugly subject of the recent debacle in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. To do so would inevitably have led to conflict, but that conflict will have to be faced, sooner or later. Mr Major preferred for now to play for concord. The smiles on the faces of the departing summitteers were achieved by traditional methods: superficial harmony and delay. Mrs Thatcher loathed mood music and suspected European colleagues who enjoyed it. Only rarely and with great difficulty - at the Strasbourg summit exactly a year ago, for example - could she be persuaded to hum the tune. Mr Major sang along almost jauntily. He went to Rome to do nothing in particular and achieved just that.

The mood was upbeat because the key players all wanted harmony. France and Germany do not want further to complicate their own differences over monetary and political union by quarrelling now. Italy, hosting the last summit of its half-year presidency, wanted to avoid the brickbats thrown after its procedural manipulations of the special summit in October. Mr Major wanted to make it appear that Britain is constructively engaged. He correctly judged that revealing precisely what his government is engaged in could be left for another day.

All twelve governments are aware that the hard bargaining will begin when the twin intergovernmental conferences on monetary and political union resume in the new year. As one Italian minister succinctly pointed out, there are differences between Britain and the other eleven, but there is no unified position

among the eleven either. Mr Major's strategy forced his partners, who are accustomed to the escapism of being entertained by the British dissenting minority, to concentrate on the real agenda - and rightly so. The sooner that the supporters of the Delors timetable for monetary union confront the real obstcales to that union, the better the

chances of the British evolutionary alternative. The definition of the word "evolution" is swiftly becoming the pivotal question of the

negotiations begun in Rome. M Delors (though not every member of his commission) insists that the evolution of Europe can only be towards a single currency, with all that this implies in economic integration. The conferences concern the technical means of achieving the fixed, final aim. The British position remains open. The government has stopped dismissing the possibility of a single currency; but it would be prepared to see monetary convergence stop short of that goal.

The government's present experience inside the ERM hardly suggests that a more rigorous straightjacket would be even better for the economy. The present intellectual fashion for dismissing monetary targets and floating rates is being embraced as if the debates on these topics during the mid-1970s had never taken place. The arguments for flexible rates should be dusted down for more public use.

The game now is to draw those still undecided at Rome towards the British view. Mr Major's negotiators have to argue that the "political crisis" which M Delors half seems to want would be a disaster and that an openended search for common ground is essential and inevitable. That will involve creating a programme for monetary convergence which is a great deal more flexible than the Delors prescription. The existing majority must abandon the idea of facing dissenters with a hard choice between inclusion on unwelcome terms or complete exclusion. Mr Major has

made no more than a start on that in Rome. Harmony has been achieved at a cost. The government bas gradually let drop its insistence during the summer months that aid to the Soviet Union should only be of a kind that could not be lost, manipulated or otherwise abused. British, and EC, policy now grants food and money in the form requested by Moscow. We will hear little in future months of

what became of this food and money. Above all, little was heard of the stalled Gatt talks and nothing at all about any alteration of the Community policy which sabotaged them earlier this month. Time is now running short. Having established his credentials as a diplomat in the jeu à douze, Mr Major should now raise his voice for free trade.

ALBANIA IN AGONY

The only certainty about Albania at the moment is that nobody outside that unfortunate country really knows what is happening within. Ever since last July, when thousands of Albanians occupied foreign embassies and forced the government to let them emigrate, the Albanian leader Ramiz Alia has been trying to convince the world that he intends to liberalise the creaking despotism bequeathed by the late Enver Hoxha.

His legalisation of a new party, the Democrats, should probably be seen as a diversionary tactic. Pluralism on paper may simply have seemed the least costly method of ODDOSITION T swept the country after last week's concession now pose a real threat to Mr Alia, who has balked at appeasing the rebels further.

Even if those who control the Democratic party are puppets of Mr Alia, as some observers believe, there can be no doubt that his tactics have backfired. The virtual exclusion of western journalists and the attempt to manipulate such news as has leaked out of Tirana cannot disguise the fact that the population at large seems finally to have lost the habit of deference towards its rulers. The bravest protestors have drawn their own conclusion: that Hoxha's heirs no longer believe they can sustain Albanian isolation from the rest of the world.

Demonstrations in at least five cities as well as the capital testify to the breadth of feeling against the communists across the country. The failure of the economy can no longer be disguised. Killings and torture have been stepped up by the Sigurimi, or secret police, to discourage emigration; thousands have nevertheless fled across the Yugoslav border.

Albania had become a tinderbox, and the legalisation of an opposition party was the spark needed to ignite open defiance. Now that the tanks are on the streets, it is unlikely that Mr Alia will ever dare to withdraw them again.

The Albanian economy, which depends on earnings from tourism, cannot function in a

state of civil war. Hence predictions are extraordinarily difficult. Parallels with Romania have been made inside and outside Albania. They are useful, if only to remind the West that even sophisticated reporters can be hoodwinked into supposing that a communist regime has fallen along with its dictator, when in fact it has merely been renamed and reorganised under a pro-Soviet faction of the party. But an Albanian repetition of the Romanian palace revolution is unlikely.

Whereas Ceausescu was a maverick within the Warsaw Pact, Hoxha was a sworn enemy of every Soviet leader since Stalin. Unlike his associates to death if they were suspected by the Sigurimi of synpathising with Moscow. Mr Alia has been more circumspect than Hoxha, but there seems to be no strong group within the party waiting for a nod from Mr Gorbachev to overthrow the Alia clique.

That does not mean Mr Alia is likely to survive - merely that any coup d'état will be inspired at home, rather than from abroad, as the central European revolutions of 1989 were at first. If the army fails to restore order, the world may be treated to the rare but inspiring sight of a spontaneous anti-communist revolution in the heart of the Balkans.

Also possible, though, is an attempt by the Albanian communist leadership (which can expect little clemency from its opponents) to cling to power by butchering people en masse. In a predominantly Muslim culture, corrupted by some 45 years of odious totalitarianism, it is easy to imagine how bloody a fight to the death

by Mr Alia's party could be. Whether Albania's neighbours, Yugoslavia and Greece, could sit by while such slaughter continued would then become a serious question for them; perhaps also for the United Nations. Yet there is still time for the middle ranks of the communist hierarchy and the armed forces to save their own skins by abandoning the creatures of Enver Hoxha to a richly deserved fate.

RACING'S DEMONS

What happens when an industry runs into a recession? Where it is well-run, it cuts costs, gets out of marginal activities, and battens down the hatches until the economy picks up. When it is ill-run, it goes bleating to the Treasury to ask for special treatment.

That racing should adopt the latter course is not surprising. The racing world has managed largely to resist the meritocratic transformation of British industry. Lord Harrington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, told the Gimerack dinner last week that racing had successfully lobbied for a chance to present its

case to the Treasury next year. It will ask, predictably, for concessions: for a cut in off-course betting duty akin to that given to football by reduced pools tax, for more money from the levy, for VAT changes. Equally predictably, any concession it gets will make practically no difference to the state of the industry, any more than Nigel Lawson's abolition of on-course betting duty in 1987 did.

For whom should one weep fewest tears? For the owners, whom, the industry protests, get back only 10 per cent of their investment in prize money? The Treasury might point out that in other areas of life, people expect to pay for their pleasures. The rise from 14,000 to 16,400 over the past ten years of the number of horses in training shows that there are plenty of people still prepared to race horses. Point-topoint racing flourishes despite nominal prize money. Higher prize money at the bottom would simply mean more bad horses running in more bad races. At the top end of the market, it would inflate still further the prices

Or should we weep for the trainers, almost paid for bloodstock. belief whom may get out of racing, according to a recent report? Most of them should do so, if they cannot make a living charging more per horse per week than they pay their stable staff. Like acting, pop singing, and novel-writing, training horses is a profession in which most occupants accept modest returns because of the riches that reward the successful few. The public interest is that the duds get out and rededicate their lives to more profitable

activities. Should we weep for the bookmakers, whose activities in shortening the odds against heavily-backed horses were graphically shown in Channel 4's Dispatches programme last week? Or for punters, all of whom have the right to keep their cash in their pockets if they are not satisfied with their returns?

Racing's authorities should stop looking for a quick fix at someone else's expense. Racing is a leisure industry. Since people want more leisure as they get richer, its long term prospects are good.

But if racing wants to maintain or increase its share of the leisure pound, it has to earn it. Too many racecourses offer luxurious corporate hospitality but squalor to the rest. Too many of their employees are rude; too many of their caterers sell filthy food at fabulous prices; too many stewards are bungling amateurs, indifferent to the demands of public

Positive proposals for racing to help itself abound. The industry could, for example, combine with the Tote to buy the 1,600 betting shops that Brent Walker is selling. It could

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the arms trade

From Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM Sir, Conor Cruise O'Brien, in his article of December 12 ("Saddam eading the West up a familiar blind alley"), exposes the dangers of a settlement with Saddam Hussein which are very similar in consequences to a war. Between the politicians' concepts of war and peace there is indeed tragically little to choose.

Fundamental to the issue is the fact that, hitherto, our strategies, our principles and even our humanitarian ideals have been ndissolubly wedded to the defence of states, and not to the defence of human beings. Only incidentally is the transgression of human rights invoked as justification for intervention, and then only if a nation has already been invaded. This is always far too late; now again as it was when Hitler and Stalin invaded Poland

 too late to avoid a fierce war.
 The modern military situation demands intervention, if only to evert in time an attack by chemical or nuclear weapons. I may be only speaking for generations yet unborn, but unless the very premise of our decisions is shifted we will have war.

The United Nations has to redefine its interventions, economic and military, in favour of human rights as against the rights of states, and to guarantee the security of all races, religions and peoples in a given area through the use of a police force; a closely defined project for the dismantling of all genocidal weapons by reciprocal stages has to be enforced; open inspection by Am-nesty International on behalf of human rights and by scientists to inspect military installations has to be imposed; positive inducements to reduce arms must be offered to all parties, such as the lifting of debts incurred by our trade in arms; practical projects of reafforestation, water supplies and such beneficial and essential relief must be on offer.

Unless we negotiate on this broader basis wars will continue to proliferate and we shall be back on the old spiral of an ever-heightened balance of terror.

Yours etc YEHUDI MENUHIN, 4&5 Primrose Mews, Regents Park Road, NW1. December 14.

Famine in Africa From the Director General of the

Save the Children Fund Sir, Mary Dejevsky's article ("Please, no food for Russia", December 10) successfully highlights the lack of perspective with which food shortages in the Soviet Union have been viewed in the West. The problems faced in the Soviet Union are those of the management of economic and political transition.

The real tragedy is that, whilst world attention is focused on food shortages in the Soviet Union, a food crisis of potentially epic proportions is unfolding in the Horn of Africa. Successive rain failures have meant that, despite determined efforts by local communities, drought has wiped out the harvest in many parts of Sudan and Ethiopia, leaving as

many as 15 million people at risk. It is not a question of one situation being any more or any less important than the other. What is tragic is one overshadow-ing the other. While the world looks elsewhere, there is a real danger that the suffering in Africa will remain hidden from view.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS HINTON. Director General The Save the Children Fund, Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, SE5. December 10.

From Mr Steve Rosenthal Sir, Mary Dejevsky argues against extending charity to the Soviet Union on the grounds that it simply props up a bankrupt system. Cannot the same be said about charity in this country? Yours faithfully, STEVE ROSENTHAL 11 Goodwin Street, N4.

Police discipline

December 10.

From the Acting Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Sir, It is important to correct inaccuracies in Mr Levin's latest attack on the Metropolitan Police ("Come and get your rotten apples, only £50,000 a go", December 10).

First, Mr Maurice Hope, MBE, was originally prosecuted for assault and obstruction under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, but not for smoking and eating cannabis as Mr Levin claims. Secondly, the Metropolitan Police is subject to the same set of discipline regulations as every other police force in England and Wales and is permitted no special privileges in requiring a burden of proof "beyond reasonable doubt" in its discipline cases; recent events testify how determined we are to act in appropriate tases. Mr Levin asks why the Metro-

politan Police made a payment of £50,000 to Mr Hope. In fact, the money was the sum paid into the court to protect our position under an unremarkable procedure followed by many prominent organisations. It is not an admission of liability or an acceptance that a

'Terror spiral' of Management of the public services private sector is the only one with

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Managing any enterprise is

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fessionals, education professionals

or professional managers.
If John Major, William Walde-

grave and their cabinet colleagues

grasp the challenge of fostering the climate in which that mutual

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court without the sort of indepen-

dent investigation that has been

undertaken in the case of the

i wonder whether we can vet be

satisfied that any review could be

trusted to be so well informed and

so truly objective that the-reintroduction of such final retribution might be permitted by

a civilised government.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP NAUGHTON,

3 Serieants' Inn, EC4.

Town hall ethics

From the Leader of Newcastle City

Sir, Your editorial on local gov-

ernment ("Electing city mayors",

December 4) ascribes the plight of

the inner cities to corruption in

the 1970s. This is a somewhat

fanciful explanation of a complex

problem rooted in economic and

social change, but in any case the

proposed remedy of directly elected mayors on the American

model would not seem to offer a

littered with instances of corrup-

tion at municipal and state level.

Individuals running for highly-

paid office with executive func-

tions and needing to raise large

be more, rather than less, likely to

be subject to the temptations of appealing to special interests.

the last 111/2 years we had had

sufficient experience of one-per-

son government at national level

to inoculate us against the pros-

pect of introducing it at local level.

Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

end to the therapy", "counter-

transference" means arousal in the

therapist of emotions which re-

flect those an abusing parent of a

patient felt towards that patient in

This is a vital source of informa-

tion, so long as the therapist does

not mistake those emotions for

ordinary personal feelings, and appropriate feed-back of this

information to the patient can

have a powerful therapeutic effect.

counter-transference presents fewer problems in group therapy, many

patients require individual work.

My suggestion that a "group setting" was advantageous meant

working in an institution where

there was more possibility of

advice, support and supervision

The Group-Analytic Practice,

88 Montague Mansions, W1.

Levin imply that they also possess

barrels of apples, recking with rottenness?

Sir, Anybody who has serious

allegations to make against a

police officer should make that

allegation known at the earliest

possible moment and furnish all

the facts. Lawyers advise against

this, allegedly because they have

no faith in the complaints system;

I suspect that money is the prime

As police officers we regard this

as an abuse of the law. We would

like to see legislation whereby a

civil action is only allowed after

allegations against police officers

have been properly made under

the complaints procedure This

would enhance the civil action

and benefit the lawyer's client, the

MIKE BENNETT (Chairman,

Metropolitan Police Joint

Executive Committee),

Police Federation,

1 Birchfield Street,

Limehouse, E14.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN DELLOW.

Acting Commissioner,

Metropolitan Police,

From Police Sergeant

New Scotland Yard,

Broadway, SW1.

Mike Bennett

motive.

complainant.

Yours faithfully,

ROBIN SKYNNER,

Secondly, though the use of this

Yours faithfully, JEREMY BEECHAM, Leader,

Newcastle City Council,

childhood.

One might have thought that in

sums for campaign purposes would

The American experience is

particularly effective safeguard.

December 15.

Council

whom we work

Yours faithfully,

DAVID FALCON

(Director-General),

Guildford Four?

MICHAEL CLARKE

(Chairman of Council),

Royal Institute of Public

Administration, 3 Birdcage Walk, SW1.

From Mr Michael Clarke and Mr David Falcon

Sir, Coming as soon as it does after the statements of good intent with respect to the public services expressed by the candidates in the recent contest for the leadership of the Conservative party, William Waldegrave's contribution (report, "Waldegrave shuns business approach to health service", December 13) is both timely and significant.

For much of the 80s, those who manage the public services faced severe pressures. Financial retrenchment and an emphasis on results have forced much needed improvements in the quality of management thinking in the public sector. Useful models have been drawn

from the private sector but, in truth, the private sector never had the monopoly of good manage-ment practice. Moreover, managing in the two sectors is not the same; political direction, public accountability and a relationship with citizens as well as customers are key differences.

What has harmed public-sector management has been the lofty assumptions that the managers are all "self-serving bureaucrats" and that the market model of the

Death penalty vote

From Mr Philip Naughton, QC Sir, It is probable that most barristers are opposed to the death penalty because its reintroduction would be retrograde; it would be out of line with the rest of Europe and it has never been shown to have any deterrent effect.

However, many barristers have personal experience of the uncertainties of jury trial. Many have had experience of cases where the evidence of police officers has been shown to be untrustworthy. I understand it to be suggested that it would be possible to

Allegations of arson From Mr Edward Bailey

provide for a review of a convic-

Sir, Michael Ogden, QC, is concerned that publicity adverse to insurers is given in the media without an appreciation of the true position ("Perils of playing with fire", The Law, December 4). We are to accept his assurance that insurers will not reject a claim unless they consider they have strong evidence. And we cannot have their reasons for repudiation, because comment might expose insurers to a libel action.

However, a public allegation that the insured started the fire is defamatory only if it cannot be shown to be true. If insurers are as confident of the correctness of their position when rejecting claims as Sir Michael suggests, they have little to fear from the media.

To adopt the position "we know we are right but cannot tell you why" is always unattractive and is the more so because it is not unknown for the insured to succeed at trial. The evidence is not always as strong as Sir Michael would have us believe. Yours faithfully, EDWARD BAILEY,

1 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.

Patients and analysts

From Dr A. C. R. Skynner Sir, Libby Purves, in her article Mentors who walk a tightrope of trust" (Life and Times, December 3), suggests that Jungian techniques carry a greater risk of analysts abusing the trust of their patients. I have worked with Jungian, Freudian, and eclectic psychotherapists like myself for 30 years and know of no evidence whatsoever to support this allega-

All professional organisations concerned with psychotherapy have clear codes of ethics which deal with these matters and are strictly enforced. The Jungians' code of ethics is no less comprehensive and careful than any of

the others.

I would also like to correct two other comments attributed to me, which are misleading as reported. Though a "therapist who becomes genuinely obsessed with a patient" should certainly bring about a "swift

and the lower balance of probability test which applies in civil cases. We also had a duty to the taxpayer to consider the effect, had the case against us succeeded with the award of a more substantial sum.

Mr Levin also questions the use of the rule to be guilty "beyond reasonable doubt" in police disci-pline cases. The Police Discipline Regulations of 1985 made it a statutory requirement that the burden of proof required would be that sought in criminal cases. However, both the Metropolitan Police and the Association of Chief Police Officers have recognised the difficulties posed and this issue is now the subject of debate. Several senior officers have been prominent in espousing a lesser burden of proof for some discipline matters.

We defend many civil actions successfully. It is a pity that they do not attract the same publicity, because they confirm the correctness of many police actions. Our approach to civil actions (when such are taken in preference to action under the police complaints system) is no different from that of other large organisations. Does Mr

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

School music in jeopardy

From Councillor Michael Kellner Sir, It has become clear to local next round of "local management of schools", the financing of instrumental music ruition will have to be delegated to school governors. On the face of it, there is merit in this; but, in practice, it seems highly unlikely that schools will continue to provide such tuition at anything like the level at which it is provided by local education authorities.

This forced delegation will result in a tragic diminution of musical education. Gifted children may never have their potential realised and instrumental musicmaking will increasingly become the preserve of those whose parents are able and willing to finance

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private lessons.
Some children have always had the benefit of private tuition, paid for by their parents. However, many children who are thus gifted and/or have the urge to learn to play an instrument are being taught by peripatetic specialists provided and paid for by the LEA. Without our young instrumen-talists there will be no school orchestras: without their leavening, music-as-a-subject will suffer further, having already been downgraded in the National Curriculum.

It is not yet too late. Ministers' known preference for private tuition has not yet formally been communicated to LEAs, nor have the proposals by civil servants. HM Government should pull back from this brink - as they did on physical education, when faced with a ferocious backlash from the

sporting community.

It would be sad evidence of ministerial philistinism if 1991 the 200th anniversary of the death of Mozart - were to see this particular piece of cultural barbarism enacted.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL KELLNER (Chairman, Education Committee), Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham.

Cancelling debts

From Mr Edward Mayo Sir, Adrian Guy (December 3) questions the proposal of the European Commission to extend debt relief to countries in Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific. His concerns are misplaced.

All aid donors have now accepted the principle that development aid for the poorest countries should be made as grants rather than loans. In short, projects to bring wells to those without clean water, or education to those who cannot read, should not be measured by their commercial rate of return.

ciple. Britain and all other major international donors have agreed to convert past aid loans to the poorest countries into grants effectively writing off debt. The proposal of the European Commission to do the same for 69 of the poorest nations simply brings the EC into line with the longerstanding policy of its member

The proposal, which is due to be discussed by EC foreign ministers on December 18, is not yet agreed. It will, however, be welcomed by all development agencies who see, in their work, the devastating impact of the debt crisis on the poor in the Third World. It is an appropriate first response by the Community whose banks and governments are owed more by the Third World than either the Yours faithfully.

EDWARD MAYO (Campaigns Co-ordinator). World Development Movement, 25 Beehive Place, SW9.

Old farm buildings From Mr Malcolm Hughes

Sir. Redundant farm buildings have a valuable economic purpose (Sir Nigel Henderson's letter, December 7), but it is a changed one. Experience has shown that many of them can be refurbished and used for a range of new business uses. Business in the Community has

published advice on how this can be done. Uses include offices, shops, tourist attractions and accommodation, as well as the more obvious craft and light industries. This way everybody benefits. The owner has a satisfying and continuous return, the occupier has a delightful base for his business, and the local community gains from wealth generated and services used. Sensitive conversions do not

harm the countryside and a deteriorating liability is thus converted into an attractive asset. Each conversion sources a new development and allows the countryside to create its future by building on its past.

Yours faithfully MALCOLM HUGHES (Rural development manager), Business in the Community, 227a City Road, EC1.

Executive Cheddar From Mr James Bredin

Sir, Philip Howard ("Queue bere for execution", December 7) describes executive as "our new snob and weasel word". It is also possible, fortunately, to have a sense of humour about it, as in the sign in a Buckinghamshire pub: "Ploughman's lunch £2.50, Executive ploughman's lunch £3." Yours faithfully. JAMES BREDIN. 25 Stack House.

Cundy Street, SW1.

charge bookies sensible fees for the copyright defence of the action was not of race meetings. That way racing's future lies. justified. We made the payment into court to protect our position. rather than in seeking to dip its hands into the after considering both legal advice public purse. our somewhat reneved that " as she read the script, "I loved me Elam penne.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.K. Allen and Dr L.M. Westinke

The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Allen, of Everton, Bedfordshire, and Lucy, elder daughter of Dr Daphne and the late Dr David Westlake, of Gerrards Cross.

Mr G. Bamforth

and Miss C.N. Barrett
The engagement is announced
between Glen, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. Bamforth, of Chicago, USA, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Barrett, of Camberley.

and Miss S.C. Rose

The engagement is announced between Edward Adam Butler. The Royal Green Jackets, youn-Lady Butler, of Lighthorne, Warwick, and Sophie Caroline, younger danghter of Captain Alec Rose, RN, and Mrs Rose, of Petersfield, Hampshire. Mr P.N.H. Gibbs

and Mrs D.M. Corbett
The engagement is announced
between Noel Gibbs, of
Combend Manor, Elkstone, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Katharine Corbett, of The Old Rectory, Cromball, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloncestershire.

Mr T.J.D. Hanbury and Miss K.K. Gerep The engagement is announced between Tobias, youngest son of the late Mr Peter Hanbury and of Mrs Rosemary Hanbury, of Alderney, Channel Islands, and Kristie Gerep, of Rio de Janeiro,

Mr R.P. King and Miss N.S. Harris The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Robert and Valerie King, of Hascombe, Surrey, and Nicola, daughter of Jessel Harris, of Ocknam. Surrey, and Mary Harris, of

Mr D.C. Lenahan and Miss S.A. Burrell The engagement is announced between Desmond Charles, son of Mr and Mrs F.A. Lenahan, of Brighton, Sussex, and Sally Austen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Burrell, of Dray-

Ouarndon, Derbyshire,

Germany.

Mr A.J. McLean and Miss B. Pfoertzsch The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. McLean, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Bettina, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F.M. Pfoertzsch, of Bremen,

Mr A.J. Modley and Mile T. de Kersabiec The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.L.M. Modley, Worth Matravers, Dorset, and Tiphaine, daughter of Vicomte

and Vicomtesse Sioc'han de Kersabiec, Nantes, France. Mr M.B. Napier and Miss L.J. Wardrop

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late G.B. Napier and of Mrs P. Napier, of Oxted, Surrey, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Wardrop, of Winterbourne Houghton Document Houghton, Dorset. Lieutenant D.W. Posnett, RN

and Miss H.J. White The engagement is announced between Dickon, elder son of Sir Richard and Lady Posnett, of Godalming, Surrey, and Hannah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. White, of Bridget Docest Bridport, Dorset.

Mr.J.M. Rutt and Miss R.M. Crawley The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs M.M. Rutt, of Sandy, Bedfordshire, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Crawley, of

Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. Mr R.B. Sewill and Miss L.J. Boreham The engagement is announced between Roger, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brendon Sewill, of Charlwood, Surrey, and Lucy Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Boreham, of Ewell,

Mr R.J.S. Stow and Miss A.K. Tindali The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Bertie Stow, of Rowledge. Surrey, and Ann. daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Tindall,

Marriages

The Earl of Yarmouth and Sephorita B. Karam

The Duke of Kent was present at the marriage on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Alcester, Warwickshire, of the Earl of Yarmouth, son of the Marquess and Marchioness of Hertford, of Ragley Hall, Alcester, to Senho-rita Beatriz Karam, daughter of Senhor and Senhora Jorge Karam, of Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Rev David Capron and Father Derek Jen-

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tamsin Aguilera, Natalie Aguilera and Christopher Hay. Mr Percy Sewel

A reception was held at Ragley Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Captain the Hen R.F.D.

and Miss W. Hazelton The marriage took place on Saturday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Captain the Hop Richard Francis David on, son of Viscount and Viscountess Margesson, of Stone Ridge, New York, to Miss Wendy Maree Hazelton, daugh-ter of Mr James Hazelton, of Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, and of Mrs Patricia

Hazelton, of Orange, New South Wales. The Rev J.A. Barrie The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Hubert James Hazelton, was attended by Zara Pearson, Zoe Charteris. Julia Charteris and Miss Leonie Hazelton. A guard of honour was found by non commissioned officers of the Coldstream Guards and Mr

Christopher Ley was best man. Mr P.W.C. Warrington and Miss J.A.P. Hoare

The marriage took place on Saturday at Brompton Oratory of Mr Patrick Warrington. younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Warrington, of Low Burton Hall, Masham, North Yorkshire, to Miss Jane Hoare, elder daughter of Mr Joseph and Lady Christina Hoare, of Hartridge Manor Farm, Cran-brook, Kent. The Very Rev

Richard Price officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Amelia Hopkins, Sam Rushton and Miss Lucy Hoare. Mr Louis Pyke was best

A reception was held at the Basil Street Hotel.

Mr A.J.R. Gray and Miss A.L. Ludovici The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, of Mr Ashkey Gray, only son of Mr Anthony Gray, of Fulham, and the late Lady Lana Gray, 10 Miss Annabel Ludovici, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ludovici, of Fast Woodhay, Berkshire.
Father J. Tracy, SJ, officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Natasha Jones,

Camilla Baring, Vanessa Robinson and Laurence Ruskin Fuller. Mr Charles M. Redmayne was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's hotel.

Luncheon

Dr Jean Lindsay

A luncheon was given by the friends and former pupils of Dr Jean Lindsay, formerly Director of Studies in History and Fellow of Girton College Cambridge, on Saturday, December 15, at Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London, WI, on the occasion of Dr Lindsay's 80th birthday. Miss Elizabeth lewellyn-Smith, Principal of St Hilda's College Oxford, proposed the toast and Dr Lindsay

and Miss J.D. Bailey The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, Warmwell, Dorset, of Mr Robin Redgrave, younger son of Major-General Sir Roy and Lady Redgrave, of Chelsea, to Miss Jane Bailey, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Anthony Bailey, of North Caulfield, Victoria, Australia. The Rev Richard Gregory officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sophia Joanna Redgrave, Rosanna Wellesley, Charlie Mathews and Miss Fiona Gay Fraser. Mr James (Westminster Squadron Dragoons), Royal Yeomanry.
A reception was held at The Old Rectory, Warmwell, and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy. Mr M.R.A. Reck

and Miss S.R. Craig-Wood The marriage took place on Saturday, December 8, 1990, at St Mark's Church, Peaslake, Surrey, of Martin, only son of the Rev Prebendary and Mrs R.M. Beck, of East Prawle, Devon, and Samantha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Craig-Wood, of Peaslake, Surrey.

Mr N.G.H. Seys-Phillips and Miss S. Scott-Roy
The marriage has taken place
quietly in London, between
Nigel, son of the late Colonel Michael Seys-Phillips and of Mrs Joyce Seys-Phillips, of Mereworth. Kent, and Susan, younger daughter of the late Mr Philip Scott-Roy and of Mrs Hilda Oakley, of Wimbledon,

Mr R.N. Vere Nicoll and Miss M.B. Falk The marriage took place on Saturday, December 15, in Chicago, between Roderick N. Vere Nicoll and Miss Melanie

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Domenico Cimaros composer, Naples, 1749: Ludwig van Beethoven, Bonn, 1770; Sir Humphry Davy, originator of the miner's safety lamp, Penzance, 1778; John Greenleaf Whittier, poet, Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1807; Ford Madox Ford, novelist and critic, Merton, Surrey, 1873; W.L. Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30, 1935-48, Berlin, Ontario. 1935-48, Berlin, Ontario. DEATHS: Simon Bolivar, "Lib-

erator" of South America, Santa Marta, Colombia, 1830; Wil-liam Thomson, 1st Baron Kellism Thomson, 1st Baron Ket-vin, physicist, Largs, Strathelyde, 1907; Sir Bernard Spilsbury, pathologist, London, 1947; Harold Holt, prime min-ister of Australia 1966-67, drowned off Portsea, Victoria, 1947.

The first powered flight was achieved by the Wright brothers in the "Kitty Hawk" at Kill Devil Hill, north Carolina, 1903. The battle of the River Plate: the Graf Spee was scuttled off Montevideo, 1939. The clo-sure of the Suez Canal resulted in petrol rationing, 1956.

Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of York wil present the ABSA/The Daily Telegraph Awards for Business and the Arts at the Nationa Theatre at 12.30.

New chairman

The Selfcair, of Common City, December 10, In Chesses, A. Copy, M. Land and American

Affairs GRAEME Davies, vice-chan-cellor of Liverpool university, The meeting at Chatham House has been elected as the next chairman of the Committee of which was to have been addressed by Laurent Fabius on Tuesday, December 18, at 5.30 pm has been cancelled. Vice-Chancellors and Prin-

OBITUARIES

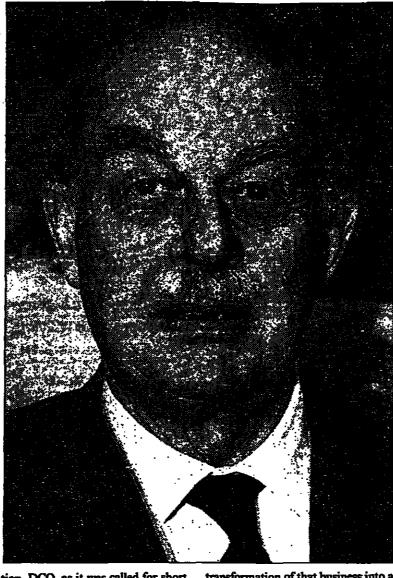
Lord Seebohm, of Hertford, banker and social work innovator, died on December 15 aged 81. He was born on January 18, 1909.

LORD Seebohm, who belonged to one of the great Quaker families, lived a double life. A career banker, he rose to be deputy chairman of Barclays Bank and chairman of Barclays Bank International. But his Quaker origins also led him to take a lifelong interest in improving society as a whole. He was chairman of the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust for 15 years, and chaired a government-commissioned inquiry into social work, the Committee on Local Authority and Allied Personal Social Services.

The committee's report, published in 1968, recommended that there should be one central government department responsible for overall planning of social provision. At grassroots level, all major local authorities should set up unified departments to provide a coordinated and comprehensive service for the whole family. This was the foundation of the present Department of Social Services.

Frederic Seebohm, grandson of the historian of the same name, was born in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. He was educated at Leighton Park School and Trinity College, Cambridge. His family had founded the Hitchin Bank, which was taken over by Barclays, which itself has a strong Quaker tradition. So it was natural for the young Seebohm to join Barclays when he graduated.

He became a local director of the bank in Luton, and was later put in charge of the Birmingham operations. He married Evangeline Hurst in 1932. During the second world war he served in the Royal Artillery, being mentioned in dispatches and becoming a lieutenant-colonel. He became a director of the main board in 1947. But four years later Seebohm joined the board of Barclays Bank DCO, the overseas business, which was where he was to make his principal contribuLORD SEEBOHM



tion. DCO, as it was called for short, operated mainly in the Caribbean and Africa, appealing to his concerns for the developing world.

In 1965 Seebohm became chairman

transformation of that business into a major international bank which spread far beyond its old colonial connections. Towards the end of his seven years' chairmanship, however, of Barclays Bank International, as it he was pained to be criticised over

He detested apartheid, but felt that Barclays was helping the advance of black people. He argued that protesters were living in a political vacuum removed from reality. Seebohm was knighted in 1970 for

his contribution to banking. But when he stepped down as chairman of BBI in 1972, he was ennobled so that he could contribute to House of Lords debates on social services. A farsighted decision by Barclays had sent Seebohm for a spell at the York branch of the bank, in the shadow of the great Quaker fortress of Rowntree, the confectionery family to whom the Seebohms were related. There he helped to form the York Council of Voluntary Service, a coordinating body for local voluntary work. During his life, Lord Seebohm promoted social work as an effective means of helping people in difficulty, working to raise standards and ensure that local authorities were aware of the breadth of their responsibilities.

In the late 1970s he became chairman of 3i, the venture capital arm of the high street banks, making it a more creative and innovative agency for assisting young companies. When he retired from Barclays, Lord Seebohm gave full vent to his social interests. He was president of Age Concern, the National Institute for Social Work, the Royal African Society and Project Fullemploy. He chaired the Overseas Development Institute for five years, and was governor of the London School of Economics and Haileybury Imperial Service College. He was High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, 1970-71.

Lord Seebohm was a man of many varied interests, ranging from water colouring to petit point, gardening to natural history. He played real tennis and golf.

He is survived by his widow, a son and two daughters. His elder daughter was renamed, and presided over the BBI's involvement in South Africa. is Victoria Glendinning, the author.

SIDNEY DELL

MES MONDAY DE

Sidney Dell. United Nations-official, died in New York on 10 December, 1990 after a long illness. He was born in London on December 14, 1918.

SIDNEY Dell served within the United Nations for over 40 years, becoming one of its most senior British officials and, as an economist, one of. the most influential on questions concerning the developing world. He became a trusted adviser of successive. secretaries general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Many of the-economists who worked for him or with him went on to occupy Ministerial posts in their own countries.

He won an Open Scholarship at The Queen's College. Oxford, graduating with first class honours in PPE in 1939. He volunteered for the Fleet Air Arm becoming Lieut-Commander RNVR and was mentioned in despatches. In the last year of the war hebecame a member of Professor Blackett's operational research team at the Admiralty. and prepared a manual on naval flying tactics. In 1947, on Blackett's recommendation, he became an assistant to the then United Nationsunder secretary general for economic and social affairs. Dell was thus involved with

the UN from its earliest days. It was his friendship with Raul Prebisch and Nicholas Kaldor that directed his work towards the developing world. In 1960 he took a sabbatical year at Cambridge University and wrote his first, and highly influential, book, Trade blocs and Common Markets. While welcoming the creation of common markets among: developing countries, he warned against the potential protectionism of comparable formations among developed countries. Returning to New York he became successively assistant secretary general and director of the New York Office of UNCTAD, and assistant administrator of the UN development programme. Finally he was appointed executive director of the Centre for Transnational Corporations, an experience which led to his most recent book. The United Nations and International Business. On retirement, he continued to advise developing countries, and became senior fellow at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), His other major studies included A Latin American Common Market, The Inter-American Development Bank. The Balance of Payments Adjustment Process in Developing Countries (with Roger Lawrence), and On being Grandmotherty, and usage of the IMF's principle of "conditionality".

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Press. He is survived by his wife of 40 years and by his three

SIR IAN TRETHOWAN

Richard Dunn writes:

AS CHIEF executive of Thames Television, I worked closely with Sir lan Trethowan (obituary, December 14) durintimate of many politicians. tempestuous debate about the future of commercial television, the value of his contribution to ITV is easily he was able to steady relationof honour was found by HQ ships with Government at bound to be harmed by having

Church news

The Rev William M Smith Vicar, Coseley, St Chad, diocese of Lichfield: to be Team Rector,

Wordsley team, same diocese

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev Peter John Warren,

Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane) to be Missioner Priest. St Luke's Congregation, Wester Hailes (Edinburgh).

The Rev Pamela Dora Skelton,

Deacon-in-Charge, St Barnabas, Edinburgh - December 31,

Mr Peter Blackburn, chairman, Rowntree UK, 50; Dame Mary

Cartwright, former mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 90; Mr Christopher Cazenove, ac-tor, 45; Viscount Daventry, 69;

caster, 63; Mr Tommy Steele,

actor and singer, 54; Professor W.A.C. Stewart, former vice-chancellor, Keele University, 75; Lady Strange, 62.

Royal Institute of

International

Birthdays today

Appointments

Church. (Edinburgh).

Resignation

1990.

Appointments

a staunch broadcaster and an 1987. With the fox in the ITV high profile and sometimes practices, Sir Ian calmly persuaded Mrs Thatcher at the meeting and over lunch that it would be better to delay final under-estimated. So much of effect of satellite developwhat he did was behind the ments could be seen more scenes. As chairman of clearly; and that as much

sometimes viewed the bas- snapshot, taken at one motions of broadcasting with ment in time, when what was parable to the danger of Broadcasting Council to take a having politics without whips, moving picture of what was an Sir Ian was an acceptable face increasingly complex and fast-

moving scene. Generous with told the Broadcasting Press he said: "I have never felt that his time and hospitality, he Guild: "One moment the Ministers should be preintroduced me to scores of those in Westminster and ITV's future, and hosted countless functions as part of the lobbying during the passage of the Broadcasting Bill.

Unfailingly courteous, yet incisive, his conversation had all the fluency of a man who has speut his life studying form on the political racecourse. Excellent as a chairman, he delighted in holding the man while the chief exec-

Government is all for freedom, unlimited and un-Whitehall who would decide fettered choice, leaving everything to the free play of the market. The next moment it is all concern for standards. setting up a new watchdog council." With a keen brain and a

sharp sense of fun, he was a cruel way of ending this calm in a crisis and always distinguished man's life. I dignified, resolute. No heard not a single complaint, stranger to controversial edi- however, and he continued to torial decisions, he was at the work right to the end. His epicentre of the biggest one of sheer fortitude, and that of utive did the driving, and he the 80's, the furore over Lady Trethowan, was exem-"Death on the Rock". Where plary. Typically he was deterance between commercial and others would have withered in mined to write, the day before an investigation of the origin He felt broadcasting was public service broadcasting the heat, he backed his he died, a Christmas and journalists, saying he shared farewell mess: Huw Wheldon's view that Thames. In his own failing International Development An instinctive journalist, he television can deal with any hand, he wrote: "I hate having Policies will be published in had a good nose for humbug, issue as long as it does it well. to give up at so challenging a January by Duke University IBA or a programme maker. son, uncomfortably exposed able". His friends in ITV, and

cluded, more than anyone else, from making their views known about television programmes...the issue is not whether broadcasters will come under pressure - that is inevitable - but whether they react to it sensibly." Motor Neurone disease was

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R Brodwell RE — to RE D&W Team.
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Belmont, The Mill Hill Junior School To replace Mr Gordon Smith as Master of Belmont when he retires in July, 1991, after eleven years in the post, the Court of Governors has appointed Mr John Hawkins, at present Headmaster of Caterham Preparatory School. Mr. Hawkins, 43, who is married with one daughter at Oxford University, is a member

of the IAPS Council.

John Bowlby A memorial service for John Bowlby will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, January 8, 1991, at 11.30 am.

Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London, EC2, on Friday, January 25, at 12 noon, to which all friends and associates are invited.

Thursday, January 24, 1991, at 5.00 pm. General Sir Peter Hellings

Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London, EC2, on Friday, Janu-ary 25, at 12 noon, to which all

ON MOONLIT nights, and by well-lit roads and motorways, some robins start singing at 3 in the morning. They are often mistaken for nightingales; but all the European nightingales are in Africa by now, and will not be back until mid-April.

cling to the stems and feed on the seeds, but quickly disappear down to the base of the

In most gorse patches, one or two bushes are in flower. By a purple glow that comes from discarded earth on top of both the buds and the new catkins; the old seed cones are



and the seeds drift along the

reeds if disturbed. They have a of earth that they throw up as : they tunnel for food, moles are building larger underground nests of leaves and moss to keep them warm: these usuthe waterside, alder trees have ally have a much larger hill of

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of commercial broadcasting, welcome in their inner circles. One occasion when his otherwise largely claudestine diplomacy became apparent was the Downing Street seminar ing the last four years. He was on broadcasting in September, quality coop, barking about During the last three years of the last bastion of restrictive

decisions until 1990 when the Thames Television and as a flexibility should be built into understood perfectly the balwidely-respected broadcaster, the legislation as possible. critical moments. If Ministers legislation developed from a

sence of ITV.

suspicion and even fear, com- needed was a standing whether from a politician, the He also backed Lord Thom- moment, but it is inescap-

dards Council was created, he personal statement in which miss the man enormously.

Eric Moonman

Why Christians must speak out against anti-semitism THE MEDIA has rediscov- cemetery, Cardiff, were assumption, that the danger

Wordstey team, same chooses.
The Rev Douglas G Stevens,
Vicar, Friday Bridge, with
Coldham and Elm, diocese of
Ely: to be Rector, Woodston, ered anti-semitism. Within daubed with swastikas. The Rev Allan Swain, Vicar, the past few months, nine The Rev Auan Swain, Vicar, Holy Epiphany, Bournemouth, diocese of Winchester: to be Priest-in-charge, Bournemouth, St John, Moordown, same television and radio programmes have looked at its manifestations, such as the daubing of tombstones and The Rev John Twisleton, until recently Principal, Alan Knight arson attacks, or highlighted the debate within the Jewish Training Centre, Guyana: to be Vicar, St Luke's, Holbrooks, Coventry, diocese of Coventry. community over whether its central organisation, the board of deputies, is taking the

issue seriously enough. With this attention, it is perhaps all the more surprising that not only the wider public but also the Jewish community are none the

Curate, St James', West Streatham (London) to be Priest-in-Charge, Emmanuel Church. Clermiston The Rev Paul Andrew Burt, Bahrain (Persian Gulf) to be Rector, Holy Trinity, Melrose (Edinburgh). The Rev Gregor Macgregor, Rector, St. James', Dollar (St. If there is some uncertainty about the scale of anti-semitism, it is largely because of the difficulties of establishing a proper monitoring index throughout Western Europe. Some people argue that this country is shot through with anti-semitism and racism, while others deny its existence completely.

A brief record of incidents during one month, August, reveals the extent of attacks: The head of Dundee's tiny Jewish community has been subjected to a stream of antisemitic letters and telephone calls, including death threats. On the night of August 10, Dundee synagogue was tor, 45; Viscount Daventry, 69; Lord de Villiers, 79; Lord Glenamara, CH, 78; Mr Bernard Hill, actor. 46; Lord McFadzean, 87; Mr Kerry Packer, chairman, Australian publishing and broadcasting companies, 53; Sir Leonard Peach, former chief executive, NHS Management Board, 58; Mr Robert Robinson, broad-caster, 63; Mr Tommy Steele. daubed with swastikas, the initials BNP (British National party). Celtic crosses and the numbers 88 and 18 (referring to Heil Hitler and Adolph

Hitler); • The sukkah adjacent to Barking and Becontree synagogue was burned down; and anti-semitic graffiti was daubed on synagogues in north London, Bury, Manchester, and Glasgow; Twenty-five gravestones in Willesden cemetery, north London, were daubed with swastikas and anti-semitic slo-

gans. This mass desecration

followed a break-in at the

cemetery's prayer hall on July

18, when the building was

Ten gravestones in Ely

extensively damaged;

Are today's events com-

different in so far as antisemitic campaigns then were the streets: today much of the antagonism is found in different settings. For example, in the universities where attacks against Jewish students take place, or in the trade union movement. There is the linkage between anti-semitism and anti-Zionism. This coupling enables left-wing extremists to join in the argument and stand alongside the far right in condemning Jews, Zionists, Israel and the

While the number of incidents has increased over previous years, there is no epidemic, and the figures need to be considered in conjuction with the level of incidents confronting other minority communities. The board, though, continues to strengthen its security teams and it has a policy of close completely fool-proof system of security for the Jewish community, its work is admired by the police and other groups facing similar problems.

The churches have an important responsibility to speak out on anti-semitism, but with few exceptions, they do not. After a series of incidents, including the desecration of tombstones in north London, The Tablet did refer to the 'poison of anti-semitism". It went on: "A small minority of agitators are injecting a virulent poison which can spread very quickly. All it needed in Germany in the Thirties was for respectable people to turn their gaze away. Only 50 years after a genocide of the Jewish people that followed, it is widely assumed ... that the disease of anti-semitism has civilised countries! It is pre-

One or two Christian leadparable to the 1930s? They are ers have spoken out, such as the executive director of the Council of Christians and almost always conducted on Jews, Canon Jim Richardson, who said recently: "It is surely inconceivable that Christians will again remain silent and indifferent to the evils of antisemitism." Bishop Gerald Mahon of west London, who is chairman of the Committee for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said that the rise in anti-semitism in Europe, especially in the East was "a warning to us all that the prejudices of centuries live not far under the surface of our

present-day culture". There is also a threat to the Jewish community from a small group of Muslim fundamentalists. A few months ago a number of Muslim youths marched from a mosque in Luton to the local synagogue carrying an effigy of the author Salman Rushdie. liaison with the police. While it is impossible to devise a entrance of the building entrance of the building, doused with petrol and set on fire. That incident, the third attempted arson at Luton synagogue in two years, is a direct result of the way in which Muslim extremists have blamed Jews for The

Satanic Verses. It is unlikely that we can define a strategy to deal with anti-semitism other than in general terms. Yet the very recognition that anti-semitism is not a manifestation which comes and goes but is part of the behaviour and campaigning of extremist groups, among others, is important. Jews are anxious and hurt by the menace of anti-semitism. It is understandable if they turn to the Christian church for support and solidarity Anti-semitism is a Christian problem too.

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Lord Pearce A memorial service for the Right Hon Lord Pearce will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, on

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of General Sir Peter Hellings, KCB, DSC, MC, DI Jaio Constant DL, late Commandant General of the Royal Marines, will be held in the Church of St

Nature notes

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J C HEATH
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BURRAY On December 14th. Peacefully at home. James Cibbes Murray. MRCVS.

Dp. Bact., aged 77. belowed Husband and Fainer.

Beckington Parish Church, on Wednesday December 19. at 11.45am., followed by private Cremation. Interment of sathers at Penalit. on Thursday December 20 at 12.00 mon. No Flowers please. Donations to Cancer Research maybe send to W. Adiam and Son. 68/70 Locks Hill. Froms. Somerset. (0373 52100).

PAGET - On December 13th 1990. in Warrington. Eric. aged 82. Dearty loved father of Julia Rector and Donatid. Loving Poppa" of Simon. Andrew and Manthew. Funeral service at All Saints Church. Thelwait. Chesibire. 1.45pm. Wednesday December 19th. Donations to Cancer Retief.

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glies-Smith - On December 10th, at the Princes Anne Hospital, Smithampton, to Angela (née Barlow) and Adam, a wonderful son, Simon Howard John, a brother for Davia. Cancer Reiser.

REYNOLDS - On December 15th, peacefully in hospital. In her 98th year, Lady Blanche Moritock Reynolds. Wife of the late Sir Leonard William Reynolds K.C.I.E., C.S.I. MC. mother of Pan. Jane and Bill, much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Private cremation. Family Bowers only, no letters please. par - On November 24th, a The Portland Hospital, i przebeth Thackray an Tuan Talt, a daughter Sephanie May-Suan.

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Crematorium on December 21st at 10.30 am. Family and

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SMALLMAN - On December 10th 1990, suddenly in Tenerik, Neville, aged 63 years, of Helpston, Peterborough, Dearly loved husband of Shells and father of Tum and Andly. Funeral Service at St Botolph's Church, Helpston, on Friday December 21st 1990 at 2.15 pm. followed by cremation-Family flowers only please, donations may be made to British Heart Foundation of Wastens & Stafford Funeral Directors, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough, PEI 2004.

SMITH - On December 13th ARRON - On 14th December, 1990, suddenly at her home. 2s Mauffeld Road, Inverness, Rabella Eveline MacLeod Barron, O.B.E., M.A., former Estor and Proprietor of the inverness Courier. Service on Wednesday, 19th December at 2.15pm in St Columba High Church, Bank Street, Inverness, Dereafter to Tomnahurich Cemetery, All friends respectfully invited. Powers to and car naviding at the control of th wers to and car parking at Funeral Home of John Peterborough, PE1 280X.

SMITH - On December 13th 1990, after a long Illness, brene Victoria, sister of Theirna. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday December 21st 1990 at 1.30 pm. Flowers & enquiries to T.H. Sanders & Sons 1st. 6t: 081-948 1551 of donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, Enher.

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MER - On December 14th Norsing Home, Whilchurch, Hants., Dr. David Henry Haler, much loved 🛭 Adrian. Funeral Service at Working St. John's Cremato-round on Thursday December 20th at 3 pm. All flowers and magnites to Working Futeral Service. Colderorth Road, Working, Surre, Fel: (0483) 772266.

hibLEY - On December 13th 1990, suddenly at home, Bruce, sadly missed. Funeral December 20th, enquiries to Buckle & Sons, 246 Fulham Rd., SW10, Telephone 071 352 0953, ECH - On December 13th at

ord House, Coulstion, cefully in her 97th year. peacefully in her 97th year.
Ellen Katthleen, widow of
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WELL - On December 13th.

**Racefully. Charies Ernest.

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Despite belond humbond of Dearly beloved numbers for the Rachel and very much loved father, father in-law and transfather. Funeral Service beloved husband of faither, partial Service prantighter. Funettal Service will be beld at St. Margaret's Church, Drayton, Norwich, Norfolk, on Thursday December 20th at 12.15 pm, followed by private cremafollowed by present only.

Donations if desired for the FEP.W. or The Friends of the Cathedral may be left at the service or sent c/o Jackson & Starting Fundestey Road. North Waisham.

NGLES - On December 14th 1990, peacefully to her 96th year. Nesta Inglis. ARCM. Refounder and headmistress of Tudor Hall School, from 1936 - 1960, Much fowed by her large family and her many hyriends, including all mose connected with Tudor Hall and ESTA. Fumeral service tomorrow. Tuesday December 18th, at 2.20 pm. at Westerham Parish Church, Memorial Service to be announced later. No

MRP - On December 13th, Mariorie (Mop) S.B.A. aged \$2. No flowers please but tonations if desired to RNIB.

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ON THIS DAY

Hursperfold. Phoebe.
Loving memories of darling mother. Gertrude Sidiling.
WESTBURY - On December 16th 1989, Marjorle Westbury. Remembered with love by Billy and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM -

DAVEDPORT - remembering this day - and all our days Anne, my beloved always Denis, And our love too -

Guy and Philippa

PRIVATE

The Great Eastern, as she became known, was finally launched on February 1, 1858. (On this Day 1986)

Launching difficulties were not sub-rising for, whereas at the time the largest ship aftoat did not exceed 5,000 tons, the new ship's tonnage was 18,900. The health of Isambard Brunel broke down the day the ship started her trials, and he died in the following year, aged 53.

LAUNCHING THE LEVIATHAN

Yesterday morning this long-pro-tracted operation was resumed, and after some four hours' hard labour and a dismal succession of mishaps, during which one part after another of the appearance broke down in the ted ignominious manner, the work was discontinued and further proceedings postponed sinedie. The causes which led to this fifth, signal fallows would be four words. failure may be told in the few words the vessel move at all, and that in the that it was almost impossible to make elors to do so hydraulic rame. windlesses, and chains, though of the Struction, were all broken in regular hydraulic presses in the kingdom to overcome. After the 35-inch alip the the apparatos was left to continue greatest exertions were made to move ork. Under such circumstances, therefore, not even a hope was mentained of effecting anything. and by 2 o'clock the attempts were shadoned. What makes the matter the is that nearly every portion of the powerful gear was broken without brokening the slightest effect in the by of movement upon the monwhen the efforts were discontinued the signal board showed that the cuties have a showed that th onire bulk had been moved 38

was got out of her, when she appeared to wedge herself in such a manner that though the most tremendous efforts were subsequently made, she remained as firm as a mountain ... The men, as usual, under the direction of Mr Brunel, were early at their work, but some loss of time was necessarily occasioned in getting such extensive gear into working order, and then at the very commencement it was seen that the vessel was sticking fast upon the ways, and that, if moved at all, the ways, and that, it moved at all, the day's work was likely to be a severe one. This was particularly attributed to the Leviathan having got completely off the one foot in 10 incline into the one in 12, and no doubt the reduced gradient must to some extent have exercised a retarding influence. But the real reason, we fear, will be found in the fact that the iron bars of the cradle and the railway metals of the ways are both considerably rusted, and tht this resistance, added such a ber to the further progress of the vessel as will require half the rams were taxed to the very utmost, and through the sides of one of ten inches diameter the water was forced

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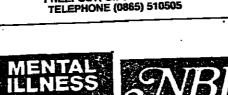
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Once a byword for radical unrest, Essex is now a leading red brick research university.

John O'Leary writes

s the new universities celebrate their silver jubilee, none can boast a more dramatic transformation than Essex. The once-notorious campus that Sir Rhodes Boyson suggested would be better used as a grain silo has achieved a level of prestige that would have been unthinkable in former riotous days. In last year's rankings for research, Essex was rated seventh of the 55 universities (or eleventh if a different basis for the calculation is used). More than half of the 16 departments were rated nationally or internationally excellent. Of the other new universities, only Warwick finished in a higher position.

In a system that tended to favour large departments, such a perfor-mance by one of the country's smallest universities was exceptional. Flushed with success, the university now hopes to spend £5 million on modest expansion, but is still aiming for only 4,100 students by 1995.

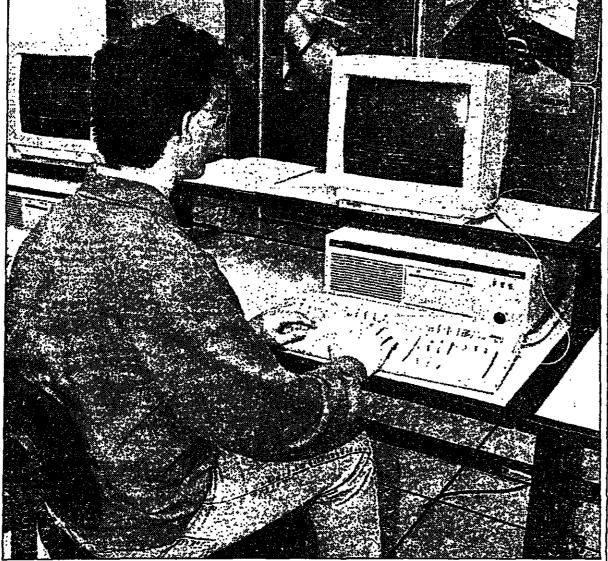
Martin Harris, the vice-chancellor, says: No university has benefited more than Essex from published performance indicators. We have a successful formula as a small, excellent university, and we have no wish to alter it."

The formula is not only successful but unusual in that almost a quarter of the students have held jobs, rather than having come straight from school; one in five is from overseas and almost as many are postgraduates. Overseas recruiting was undertaken from the start, long before there was a financial incentive, so the university has had no difficulty in keeping numbers up in a much more competitive age. A preference for mature students also predated the current fashion.

It is a mix engineered by Sir Albert Sloman, who steered Essex through its early, turbulent years and retired only three years ago. Professor Harris says of him: "I took over a university built in his image, and there is little I have wanted to change.

The university is the beneficiary of several far-sighted decisions taken in the early days. In the department of electronic-systems engineering, for example, the idea of concentrating on light-current electronics was unprecedented in the 1960s, but has paid off because of the way information technology has developed.

Research excellence, Professor Harris says, has been built on long-term policies of not making appointments



Far-sighted decisions pay off: the study of light-current electronics pre-empted the direction of industry

until a strong candidate has been found, and never deviating from a guarantee to academic staff of one term in seven as sabbatical leave. Spending on the library has also been protected, and the budget is the highest in any UK university outside Oxford and Cambridge.

The emphasis on research inevitably sets up tensions with teaching, especially because some arts and social science departments have as many as 20 students per member of staff. The high proportion of students without A-levels also makes extra demands on lecturers. Although Professor Harris insists that research success comes through hard work outside teaching hours, the president of the students' union, Ian Darby, thinks that the balance of effort is still too much in favour of research.

A mature student and a computer operator, he says: "I have been made to feel small more than once, when lecturers have expected a level of knowledge I have not had. A lot of them are more interested in research and do not make allowances for mature students."

The union is now relatively moderate, but it takes a long time to live down a reputation as lurid as Essex's. The last serious unrest took place in 1974, but the association survives in the minds of many teachers and

Although Essex still does not attract the volume or quality of applications from school-leavers that it would like, Professor Harris does not believe that this is attributable to any revolu-tionary hangover. "That's all local people in their sixties talk about, but I suspect that they are now the exception. We have to look at it positively and say that we are not presenting an attractive range of courses as effectively as we might."

The message certainly has got through to those who allocate research funds. A stream of contracts has been coming the university's way from public and private sources. Essex was

Ealing gives

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chosen, for example, from 120 bids as the location for the first interdisciplinary research centre in the social sciences, winning a £7 million contract to establish the British household panel study to monitor social change.

Like all universities, Essex is now waiting anxiously for the outcome of planning decisions for the next four ears. It is thought to be the only university to have had the confidence to ask for a new department in the aborted national bidding exercise. Professor Harris still hopes he will be allowed to make psychology the seventeenth department.

The university would also like to replace the dingy, subterranean en-trance with a better welcome for visitors, as well as adding to its teaching and housing stock. But having remained precariously solvent up to now, it is not going to commit itself to expansion it cannot afford, so there will have to be private investment on a scale that would never have been feasible in its riotous days.

Pay that fails to give a reward for good work

ven after three years of excellent work by the Interim Advisory Committee (IAC) on teachers' pay, there are still anomalies in the system that need substantial revision. Unfortunately, largely because of the government's policy of placing financial limits on the work of the committee, the IAC has little or no chance of resolving these

issues in its final year. In 1987, the committee said that one of the criteria for the award of an incentive allowance was "excellent classroom eaching". Neither the education department nor the local education authorities bothered to interpret this expression. The result is that most allowances have been granted for other reasons, such as re-

sponsibility. This year, the committee introduced greater flexibility by permitting the "acceleration" of a teacher up the standard scale and by allowing local authorities to introduce an extended scale. One of the criteria for such salary enhancement is "performance", but, again, there has been no official interpretation of this criterion. The education department, in its submission to the committee this year, drew specific attention to the ability of local authorities and governors to reward good teachers, but no attempt was made to articulate this concept in management terms. The result is that teachers rarely obtain extra rewards for being good teachers.

This failure of the department and of the authorities should be viewed in the context of the "besetting sin" of the pay structure, namely the rewards on the standard scale for teachers who have been in post for eight years or more. This scale, which is supposed to be the key to recruitment, retention and motivation, runs from £9,000 to £16,000 from January 1. It will remain inadequate as long as the education department is in the "vice-like grip" of the Treasury, and the government believes that the problem can be solved by allocating money

to specific shortage problems. Both the main political parties are wedded to the concept of rewarding "the good teacher". Jack Straw, the shadow education secretary, has said that good teachers should be rewarded. Kenneth Clarke, the education secThe authorities

should recognise good teaching





Mr Straw: supporter

reference to the need to pay adequate salaries to good teachers. Neither party, however, has explained how it proposes to translate its objective into reality.

One answer must be to capture the high ground in the debate with the Treasury by arguing that the substantial extra money needed for teachers' pay should be linked to raising quality. This would shift the emphasis from giving relatively small amounts of cash for specific projects, to raising salary levels to figures that really will attract and retain good honours graduates.

The three steps to bring about radical change in thinking necessary for this urgent exercise are:

quartile range of non-manual private sector employees. This will achieve nothing by way of "real" salary advances for

• The salaries of heads and deputies must be set free at the top of the pay structure,

 The standard scale, which applies to all teachers below head and deputy head level, should be extended from the current maximum of £16,000 to £22,000, which is a more appropriate salary for the topof-the-standard scale. A be would be placed across the scale at the current maximum, and all teachers assessed as good teachers in accordance with agreed criteria would move beyond the bar and reach £22,000 in the space of reviews of performance. There four years, subject to annual must be no restriction on the number who can go through-

Many teachers would reach the new maximum because they are good teachers. Certainly, the system should recruit good honours graduates, who will not be put off by not an element of performance related pay. After all, they no encounter it in many of the professions or occupations. that attract them now.

his solution would present all parties with a challenge. The government would find it difficult to crease in pay to the concept of teacher quality, even though it would cost several hundred million pounds. The unions would be faced with a proposal that gave many of their, members good salaries for the first time in nearly 20 years, while a minority would be stuck at the old maximum, able to move only when they were able to demonstrate good

No answer to teachers. dissatisfaction with pay is perfect unless a government commits vast sums of public money on solution has the considerable merit of squaring the circle by giving the government a guarantee of quality in return for a salary scale that recruits. retains and motivates. This must be good for parents teachers and pupils.

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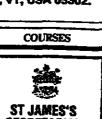
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Winning team: David Reeves with some of his pupils, who behave well and, say school inspectors, have an excellent relationship with staff and produce a high standard of work

avid Reeves knew he ran a good school, but One of the finest now it is official. Ferndown Middle School in Dorset is rated one of the best in England, according to Her Majesty's inspectors of Schools. schools in England Inspectors' reports often indicate shortcomings in at least some areas of a school or college, but at Mr Reeves's school of 019

A Dorset school has just won high praise from the school

inspectors. David Tytler gets a lesson from the head teacher

are ready for a change. The best resource is the teachers, and someumes this means encouraging them to go, but sometimes there are other reasons they should move on, and it has not

always been easy. Mr Reeves believes in leadership by example. The school buildings were, he says, "a bit tatry" when he arrived, and he picked up a paint brush to help parents and staff to redecorate the building.

"I cannot expect other people to Whatever he says, it is clear that do things I am not prepared to do myself. Sometimes the staff see me doing things that they do not expect a head to do, such as painting and decorating. Some people also say I have no business gening involved in fund-raising, but I must provide the best opportunities I can for the children, which means raising money. I could not provide the resources I have without the parents.

On his arrival he formed the school association for parents and

teachers, which now raises between £4,000 and £5,000 a year, providing computers, books, science equipment and carpets. A Christmas fete has just raised £2,000 for the school.

Ferndown does not forget charities. Last year, the children raised £1.350 for the Children's Society, and this year they made £2,000 in a reading "marathon" for the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

The school is based on team work and getting the best out of people. "The head has to be a visionary and get what he wants for the school," Mr Reeves says. "You have to be honest and straight with people, to tell them what you expect from them and why. You must work as a team. It does not matter whether you are the head or the lollipop lady; you have a job to do."

He reserves his biggest praise for the children, who had plenty to say to the inspectors during their visit to the school in June. "They were marvellous," Mr Recves says. "If there is a secret, it is getting the children to be respon-We have to challenge children and we can do much to mouvate them. But we do need the resources."

Mr Reeves, the father of two daughters, aged 16 and 14, believes it is important for heads to continue teaching. He spends a third of his time taking classes in science and sport. "It is getting much more difficult to teach, but I am the head teacher and I enjoy teaching. When you are talking to parents, it is helpful if you have taught their children."

r Reeves is also a believer in healthy competition and clearly enjoys the games lessons he takes himself. "It belps the children to see me in a track suit, and not just as somebody who walks around in a suit."

Along with the school association. Mr Reeves also set up the

school council, which has a representative from every form elected by classmates. The council appoints its own chairman and secretary for the school year and organises its own affairs, although two teachers attend its meetings.

At its last meeting, the council decided it wanted extra benches in the playground and more hooks in the changing rooms. "You must take notice of what they say," Mr Reeves says. "It would be meaningless if you did not act on their recommendations."

Soon after children start at the school, they are taken on a halfweek field trip to Swanage or Blandford. "You can find out about relationships and then build on them," Mr Recves says.

The children are also encouraged by the "work of the week" scheme. The work of scheme. The work of children who have shown marked improvement is sent to Mr Reeves, who then writes to their parents. Last week he wrote 91 letters. "The scheme recognises the children who have made a real effort, so even the slow learners get recognition," he says.

There are two ways to react when you are told your school is going to be inspected, Mr Reeves says, "You can drop your head or you can say: 'I want them to see our school because I am proud of our school and what the teachers, children, parents and governors have achieved'.

"The inspectors saw us warts and all; they saw the school at work. There were some recommendations, on which we have already acted. We have no intention of resting on our laurels."

NOTICEBOARD

Language of takeover

A TAKEOVER deal worth £850,000 has produced an examinations and assessment organisation able to cash in on a worldwide boom in demand for courses in English. The City and Guilds of Landon Institute, with Pitman Examinations Institute (PEI) in tow, will offer services for both technical and business occupations. Both bodies already have strong overseas operations, City and Guilds catering for 500,000 people in many countries wanting technical qualifications, PEI reaching about the same number of business students in 70 countries.

John Barnes, the director general of City and Guilds, said the two institutes would gain strength from each other. The Longman Group, Pitman's for-mer owner, took the same view in negotiating the sale.

Departing peer

BRITAIN'S smallest university institution is looking for a new principal after a decision by Lord Morris of Castle Morris to devote more time to his role as a Labour peer. Now 60, and approaching ten years' service at St David's University College in Lampeter, Dyfed, the English scholar thinks the time is right for a change. Lord Morris will not lack for the company of former colleagues in Par-liament Lord Peston and Baroness Blackstone remain active academics on the Labour benches, while Lord Butterworth, the founding vice-chancellor of Warwick university, is active on the government side,

Cambridge win

THERE was some consolation for Cambridge university after its defeat in last week's varsity match. Debrett's People of Today, to be published in the new year, will list 5,776 Cambridge graduates and 5,693 from Oxford. Between them, the two universities educated more than 30 per cent of the 38,000 listed.

Life student

AFTER the new fashion for lifelong education, Gladys Higgins, aged 90, of Middlezoy, Somerset, has started a mixed crafts course in basketwork, pottery and weaving at Bridgwater college. She has attended the college for 30 years, and gained an Open University BA in literature and art in 1984. Mrs Higgins says:

"Being with young students keeps me alert."

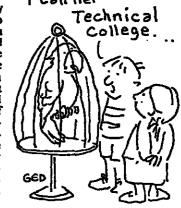
Back to a chair

ALISTAIR Ross, the Polytechnic of North London lecturer who was among the hostages released from Iraq last week, has at least one thing to show from four months' captivity. During his time as a human shield for a munitions factory, be was promoted to professor. Dr Ross was arrested with his wife and two young children when their flight to India touched down in Kuwait to refuel. After the rest of the family were released in Septem-ber. Dr Ross filled in time writing a journal and a children's story.

Poly politics

THE competitive spirit in higher education has spilled over into acrimony. Luton college of higher education is threatening to make a formal complaint to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, about the names given to two new ventures by Leicester polytechnic. Leicester is setting up

I call her



The Polytechnic, Bedford, and The Polytechnic, Milton Keynes, after beating off competition from Luton in both places. Tony Wood, Luton's principal, insists that both names are misleading. "We understood the name polytechnic could be used only with the permission of the secretary of state," he says. "Has this been obtained in these cases?"

Tasty filler

STILL searching for Christmas presents? Commercially minded as ever, the Open University is putting forward its study packs as stocking-fillers. Its suggestion of An Introduction to Buddhism (£10) may not be entirely seasonal, but Healthy Eating might be a good choice even it does cost £37.50.

JOHN O'LEARY

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boys and girls, aged between nine

and 13, there was little criticism

and the seven inspectors con-

cluded: "Staff and pupils are proud of Ferndown Middle

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is an excellent school and one

own role. Carol Zambra, aged ten

and a member of the school

council, has no doubts about what makes her school special. "The

head teacher," she says. She did

not know it, but in sumpler

language she echoed the HMI

report, which says: "This is a well-

managed school in which staff

work hard, pupils behave very

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it has not all been easy. Mr Reeves

has done much to change the

school in the three-and-a-half

years he has been there. Of the 34

staff at the school when he arrived,

only 14 remain and this term is the

first in which there have been no

He completed the merger of two

schools, which had begun in 1984,

and has reduced the staff to 27. He

says: "You gain a perception about people when you think they

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Mr Reeves is reticent about his

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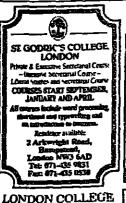
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place to none. At this time of year, it sometimes seems that the entire population divides into those who are singing the Messiah and those who are listening. From squeaky schoolboys in dusty halls to thunderous operatic professionals in echoing cathedrals, with audiences of proudly undiscerning parents to experts who know every note, thousands of people are involved in this seasonal feast of music. "Christmas hasn't started," a tenor told me, "until we've sung the Messiah." It is also one of the few great classical works that crosses the ignorance barrier. everyone can hum a line or two.

For those who take part, at whatever level, it is an occasion. Immaculate in his dinner jacket, evening pour himself a sherry before he leaves home, to ease the tension which may cause his voice to tighten. Then he will go down to St Mary's Church for the performance by the Taunton Choral Society. "When you see the orchestra, and everything starts to come together, you suddenly feel this wonderful atmosphere that you're helping to create and the nairs rise on the back of your neck."

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The greatest story ever sung This week village churches and grandiose concert halls throughout the Tith the natural gift for understatement, for

famous, the people of Huddersfield can define exactly the some of the performers who have succumbed to its enduring appeal merit of the musical event which takes place in their town hall this week. It is, they tell you, the best in part of an informal evening of the world. When it comes to singing Christmas music. Out of 100 voices, Handel's Messiah, they take second of whom three-quarters are women, Mr Norman is one of only seven tenors who are very conscious that they must make themselves heard. The Taunton choir is booming, in a quiet sort of way. With a new conductor and an increasing membership, they have recently had to leave their school hall to find

> choral society in Somerset. Mr Norman, aged 41, is the librarian. Among their members they also have doctors, solicitors and physiotherapists. "It's a bit middle-classy, I suppose," he said. The Messiah is a piece of music that also has a special significance for Mr Norman. He sang in a church choir as a child, but when his voice broke at 14, he fled. For 20 years he

did not sing a note, until one day he

strolled into a performance of the

bigger practice premises. They are

determined to become the best

Messiah and thought how much he would like to sing again. The work touches off memories in many people. For Nicholas Kramer, the artistic director of the London Bach Orchestra, which is performing the Messiah in the Oueen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank tonight, it is one of his earliest memories. In Edinburgh, his mother used to play the violin in the production at the Usher Hall every

New Year's Day. When he first

heard it, at the age of seven, he

found it all so emotional that he burst into tears in the middle of the Halleluiah Chorus. Four years ago, he found himself conducting the

New Year's Day concert himself.

Treasurers do not confine their interest merely to musical appreciation. Dr Geoffrey Watts, who looks after the money for the Wymondham Choral Society, near Norwich, has other reasons for being enthusiastic about the Messiah. Their Easter production was so successful that they had to put chairs at the back of the church to get everyone in, and they made a profit of £400. They decided to repeat it for Christmas, and the profit means they can afford to hire an orchestra for their performance on Friday.

avid Chesterman would like everyone to know that the Messiah which he arranged last Friday night was not just any old performance. It was what he calls a choral orgy. As director of the British Council for the Prevention of Blindness, he has the problem of trying to stage money-making events that are simultaneously spectacular and ludi-crously cheap. What he does is to hire the Royal Albert Hall, and then recruit a whole county.

This time, it was Buckinghamshire; he sought the help of all the schools and choral societies, and the county youth orchestra. They all practised for three months before

land will ring with the sounds of Handel's Messiah. Colin Dunne meets turning up in London, and when they assembled it was an extraordinary sight: a choir of 892 people, mostly youngsters, and not an inch

> "And it didn't cost a penny," he says. The result was that he raised £15,000 for his charity. There may well be more accomplished renderings of the Messiah this Christmas, but for sheer enthusiasm and excitement, there will be none that beat theirs. The young Bucks singers looked around at the rings of red plush and could hardly believe it. "Singing here," said 14-year-old Karen Sachs, "I jumped at

of denim or a trainer in sight. They

filled the stage and overflowed into

the balcony. It was a triumph for Mr

Chesterman, who is 70, but consid-

ers that retirement is all rubbish.

aged 13, had two cans of Coke to When they lifted their voices in the Hallehalah Chorus, it must have carried all the way to Chalfont St Giles. Mr Chesterman had to give his eyes a quick dab. "My dear fellow," he said, "terribly sorry, but

the chance." Karen had her ham

sandwiches, and Matthew Sherratt.

it always affects me. Three weeks that's all he took to write it." He was very pleased with Bucks. Watch out, Kent: he has marked

you down for next year. There are even participation events where the audience turn up with their scores and join in. There is one in the Albert Hall on December 27, with the London Voices Choir and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, which is being organised by The Times and the Sunday Times as part of their Mozart festival. They are playing Mozari's arrangement.

In Huddersfield, you have to be very good indeed to be allowed to sing. In its famous Choral Society, the singers are regularly re-tested. Performing at the highest level, there is no room for sentiment. Recently, a woman who had sung with them for half a century had to be told she no longer met their standards. The Choral enjoys great standing in the town. Tickets are like gold-dust. For the public performance, the 1,100 tickets in the town hall could have sold four times over. The 700 subscribers, who have guaranteed seats at their own performance, bequeath their places to their children when they die.

Robert Drummond, the son of a music teacher from Shrewsbury, chose Huddersfield Poly because he wanted to sing with the Choral. He stayed in the town, and has now sung with them for eight years. Mr Sarah in the choir. This week they are both keeping the throat lozenges handy. "If anyone coughs or sneezes round here, people always say: 'It's Messiah time again'."

Ask them why the Messiah is so popular, and they have a dozen difent answers. Wonderful music, full of Christmas feeling, the pleasure of participation . . . but it was Howard Norman, in his discreet Taunton way, who reminded us of a point that occasionally gets over-looked. "Well," he said, "it is the story of the most important person who ever lived."

Bringing down a round-robin

The seasonal flood of greetings from unbearable paragons of virtue can be stemmed by a simple shock tactic

This is the time of year when other people's lives flash in front of my eyes as, drowning in cards, I open yet another round-robin

Christmas letter. They come from abroad, these letters, where it has long been the style to send out a photocopied letter to your friends at Christmas, regaling them with your last year's

As I sit here, clad in a thermal dressing gown to save on the central heating, battered by the recession, I reel back further at the ferocious energy of my friends' lives.

"Dear People Out There," reads a letter from a Canadian friend, now married, with whom I once shared a ski hut near Montreal "As I write this, the snow is falling. We've aiready completed our very intensive requalification courses as Canadian ski patrollers. We were delighted to receive Certificates for Outstanding Service in recognition of our work in the annual ski patrol banquet in

the spring.' How is it that she and her husband are still athletically wing-

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ing up and down the slopes, when I fell flat on my back in the road last week on just half an inch of ice? When I was living in Canada, I intrepidly kept up with my flatmates. I tottered round skating rinks, fell in and out of canoes and zigzagged wildly down ski slopes. But as I now head for the Age Concern Christmas

party, my Canadian friends are still whoop- wedding anniversary, Dick's ing it up, obsessed by the outdoor life.

"Gerry has become a true tennis fanatic, playing several times a week both summer and winter," says a crisp letter from Ontario. "I went on a squash tour to Germany in May. We played at eight different-clubs on eight consecutive days. The squash results on the domestic scene were quite satisfactory too, though once again the title eluded me. But I will keep at it."

Sending off strong feelings of inadequacy, I reach for my in London? Off to South anti-stress herbal tea. The America again? Doing another the more debilitated I get. And vigorous is the word. "Dear People Wherever

You Are," says another letter. The Christmas trees inside and out are lighted, and presents are wrapped and under the tree, the wood for this winter and next is cut and split." Next winter's wood cut? What paragons! I can't think as far as New Year's Day. "Our vegetable garden was a success this year," informs another paragon.

"We used raised beds and

enriched soils, but we can't grow corn because of the raccons."

The sons, daughters and even grandparents of my friends seem to have spent the year in overdrive. "Nan came to stay with us this summer. She was 70 this year and we were proud at her achievement of swimming three laps round the pool every morning.

'Andy is enjoying his work selling microwave ovens, stereos, televisions and cellular phones, Fay graduated from Waterloo University in geography and environmental studies in May and Holly is now the manager of an eques-

Were my friends and their families always like this? The only game I play is snooker, and even then I tend to lean heavily on my cue. I thought perhaps such rejuvenation. was confined to Canada, but the latest round-robin from a friend, now a proud mother in Zimbabwe, shows disconcerting similarities: "The boys are both very sporty. And whatever sport they play, they land -

So far, I have bad only one round-robin from Australia, which I opened suspidaughters ciously. But there was, thank God, no sport this time. Instead it was a friend who had parents of gone domestic, writing careful descriptions of her year's enterhave spent had little Dylan dedicated on July the year in 11, then on the following Monday we had a big buffet for Janine and George's 25th

> 50th birthday, and Craig's 21st birthday - all combined. -I bought a sucking pig and had ... to cut off his head, trotters and tiny tail . . . I stopped reading at that

point. Others can give their glittering, trotter-ridden dinner parties. I am content to live on chocolate, intermixed with takeaway kebab and the , occasional cup of Bovrit.

"And what about you?" is the invariable scrawled, handwritten note at the end of these letters. "Having an exotic time

But how can I? I cannot compete with the onslaught of their news. My last year's activities could be neatly encapsulated in three lines. So I am scribbling the same hasty note on my return cards. "Sorry so rushed, but Christmas is tough when you have an alcoholic lover." Perhaps next year, shaking their collective heads in sorrow at my unparagon-like behaviour, they will drop me from their Christmas round-robins.

JOY MELVILLE

God gets a new image

FOR a man chosen from among many to play God, Ken Page is remarkably humble. He has resisted the temptation towards egocentricity, although he has acquired a distinctly patriarchal air. If he appears to look down on the world, it is probably because he is several inches taller than most. Page is the star of Children of Eden, the first West End musical of 1991,

> Prince Edward Theatre. Mr Page won the coveted role after some resistance from Equity about hiring an American and, at one stage, in the face of the suggestion that a black female God should be considered. The actor, who comes from inner-city St Louis, Missouri, has developed his own idea of God. "I think God is everything. God is in the water, the air you breathe, the earth you grow your food from. God is the similarity that I feel in everybody, no matter where they come from, their race or

which opens in January at the

religious belief. "In the show the issue I am concerned with is that in the Old Testament, He is a very vengeful God. I really want the audience to know that He is also a father who cares, that when He expels Adam and Eve from the garden it hurts Him as well."

It is not difficult to imagine Page hurling thunderbolts about the world, wrestling with Jacob across the ford of Jabbok, or berating the dis-obedient Israelites. Yet be accepts he is not everybody's embodiment of God. "Even in the States, black Americans are still presented with the image of God as a white man with long white hair and a white beard."

book by John Caird, co-

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In the beginning

were the words and music. The

casting of God came later

music by Godspell creator Stephen Schwartz, tells the story of the book of Genesis. The show begins with the creation of the world and ends as Noah's Ark comes to rest on Mount Ararat. It is in Genesis that mankind is given "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth". Page says: "Children of Eden will make people aware that we are all children of Eden. We are the only ones who can destroy the land. If we do not think fast we will not have anything that remote-

ly resembles Eden, anywhere." Page attended Catholic schools for 15 years. "I grew up in an interesting time for the Catholic church in the States," he says, "It was the time of the Vatican Council. When I started going to church, mass was in Latin. I went to confession on Fridays and became an altar boy. When I was in third grade, the church

changed immensely and I start-

ed doing the mass in English. "I was pretty devout and considered going to the seminary like my cousin." He changed his mind when his cousin left the priesthood because the church refused to let him work in his home parish, and instead wanted to send him to a white, wealthy area of the city. Children of Eden, with a

"That shifted attitudes in the family about where the director and adapter of Les church was at that time. There Misérables, and lyrics and were not a lot of black priests

and I felt I would have come up against the same thing. I would say now that I am more spiritually focused than religiously focused."

A beautiful voice secured him a place in the school choir. He remained a tenor for many years, until a part in Cats forced him to develop a lower register. Playing Old Deuteronomy, the vicar's cat, was the perfect preparation for

playing God, he says. His career began in 1976 in the all-black revival of Guys and Dolls on Broadway. He won the Theatre World award for his role of Nicely-Nicely Johnson. He was the cowardly lion in the musical The Wiz, and was in the original cast of Ain't Misbehavin.

ALTHOUGH born into a black community, he was sent to the predominantly white high school of Bishop Du Bourg in St Louis. "I had a wonderful teacher, a nun who fought for me and my best friend to go to this school.

"I went back to the school three years ago to do a concert. It was amazing to see so many black faces. When I was there, there were 28 black students in a school of 2,300." His upbringing also co-

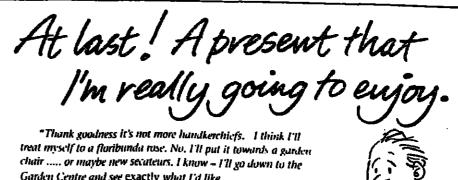
incided with the Sixties civil rights movement. "When I look back on my childhood, I guess we were poor but I never felt poor. I always had what I needed, and to a degree what I wanted. People often say, 'Did you grow up in a ghetto? I say no. I grew up in my home." Mr Page has no delusions

about his own godliness. "It would be stupid to get involved in an egocentric way. I have my own self-worth coming to the role, so I am not looking for it to identify me. I have had enough experience to keep all that in perspective."

RUTH GLEDHILL



Ken Page: "I would say I am more spiritually focused than religiously focused"





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A CASTING coup in Basingstoke: when the Horseshow Theatre Company stages The Forsyne Saga next month, the part of Irene will be taken by Nyree Dawn Porter the New Zealand-born actress who mesmerised most of Britain in the 1960s, playing the same part in the BBC TV adaptation. Now she stars in Pat and Derek Hoddinott's stage version of Galsworthy's novels, which con-centrates on the Soames/Irene marriage. After opening at the Haymarket, Basingstoke, on January 10, the production will embark on a national tour

Mackintosh clean DESPITE the Sixties civic vandalism which robbed Glasgow of a number of Charles Rennie Mackintosh gems, enough survived to provide a "Mackintosh trail" for architecture enthusiasts during this year of culture. Last week, one of the finest, Scotland Street School, was reopened as a museum after a £1-million restoration by Strathclyde Region. The building dates from 1906 and functioned as a school until 1976. Scotland Street School will, howe, ever, soon be trumped by The Art Lover's House, a Mackintosh competition design which has been realised in Bella Houston Park, some 90 years after its

Last chance...



No One Sees the Video: Cella larre and Stephen Tompkinson

HOW to persuade nice English people to buy frozen pizzas and sanitary towels, and preferably both commodines at once, in great profusion: that is the subject of Martin Crimp's bleak, intelligent comedy, No One Sees the Video. It is written with an insider's knowledge of the advertising industry and those who inhabit it. The final performance, at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs (071-730 2554),

Back with the family ACASTING coup in Basinesinker. Tails go, but heads are hard to find

Has the latest attempt to popularise classical music faltered? Richard Morrison reports on a sobering experience at the London Arena

Radio 1 gushed girlishly over Christopher Warren-Green of the London Chamber Orchestra. "You're getting away from all that starchy white-tie-and-tails stuff, then, she noted, demonstrating her acute grasp of an LCO press release. "So," she summarised incisively, "you're breaking down all those starchy barriers."

The message was the same all last week - on late-night television, radio chat-shows and in newspaper previews. Watch out; here comes classical music amphilied by 30,000 watts; here come smoke machines, light shows, pretty girls, hunky boys. No white tie and tails; no reverential hush. Here come the "Power Proms" at the London Arena.

Did Friday's reality match Thursday's hype? Well, one cannot deny that a programme costing £5 is an innovation at classical concerts. Nor can it be said that many ordinary classical concerts start 20 minutes late "due to bad weather conditions" - especially when the night outside is calm and dry. And some classical-music regulars might have found being among a crowd of about 1,700, in a venue that seats 12,000, a novel experience: rather like being lost in Wookey Hole caves. A leading London orchestra playing in the Festival Hall is doing only average business if it attracts 2,500 people.

But how all this helps to break down "starchy" barriers is not clear. Perhaps, however, that was the function of Warren-Green's introductions: "This is Elgar's introduction and Allegro. Elgar was over 40 when he began to compose. His wife made him do it. I know how he feels." Sparkling wit indeed . . .

Or possibly it was the task of the lighting. But bathing string players in pinks and blues to suit the musical mood seemed more attuned to the era of Mantovani than Madonna, And the spotlights criss-crossing the auditorium during the opening number, Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, only gave the impression of a lighting man frantically searching for an audience.

Along with all this was an amplification system that made every piece sound as if it should be

presenter accompanying some ice-skater's display of triple toe-loops. Yet the most dispiriting aspects were, first, that some fine playing could just about be detected, before the 30,000 watts worked their obliterating magic; and second, that in one sense the LCO is right. There are barriers to be broken down. The trouble is that they are not the barriers which the LCO thinks they are.

Potentially, there are millions of punters for concerts of the "Your Hundred Best Tunes" repertoire which the LCO offered. The LCO's problem was that hardly any of them were in Docklands on Friday night. For decades, such impresarios as Victor Hochhauser have made tidy fortunes by catering to this market, via Tchaikovsky Nights ("with cannon effects"), Viennese Nights, New World Symphony Nights, and the rest. So in repertoire terms, the London Chamber Orchestra is offering nothing original. Nor is it in the field of presentation. André Previn was also credited with "breaking down starchy barriers" 25 years ago, when he conducted his television concerts in a poloneck jumper.
The real challenge is, and always

has been, to move the middlebrows who have no problem with the 1812 overture on to more challenging areas. As the man said in the Crush Bar of the Royal Opera House, during a performance of Turandot this autumn: Hell of a long wait before the World Cup bit, isn't there?".

The difficulty is that to advance as a listener into much of the repertoire requires mental engagement and considerable concentration. If there is a "starchy barrier". it is not stopping people enjoying Bach's "Air on the G-string"; but rather, preventing them venturing on to St Manhew Passion. No amount of slick packaging has overcome that problem.

That is why the statistics on record-buying given last week in Cultural Trends were misleading. They pointed to classical music's share of the market increasing this year from eight to 11 per cent. That seems encouraging. Yet it can largely be arributed to Pavarotti's sales and the Nigel Kennedy recording of The Four



LCO string players, bathed in pink and blue at the London Arena on Friday: are they more redolent of Mantovani than Madonna?

sort of buyers who purchased Kennedy on the strength of a massive advertising campaign, and Pavarotti's version of "Nessun dorma" on the strength of the remarkable free endorsement by the BBC's World Cup Grandstand are liable to have their tastes shaped more by the next blitz of bype (from wherever it comes) than by further exploration of the classical field.

here are, though, those who hold a more optimistic view. Such a figure is Raymond Gubbay, now Britain's leading purveyor of classical-pops concerts. Gubbay left school at 16 and served a brief apprenticeship with Hochhauser this now-famous job interview by Hochhauser consisted of three questions: "Are you Jewish?" What school did you go to?" and "Can you start on Monday?"). Then, in the mid-1960s, he broke away and began touring lightclassical shows to the new civic halls that were springing up across

Britain. But his big opportunity, as he admits, came with the opening of the Barbican in 1982. He is the commercial promoter sans pareit "People vote with their feet. We rely totally on the box office, and if people don't come, the company suffers. I've got to get it right"

Gubbay has manifestly been getting it right - from his point of view - for nearly 25 years. His methods would repay close attention by the LCO. This Christmas, for instance, he will present a unique triple: his "Glory of Christmas" concert will be staged on successive Sundays at the Barbican, Festival Hall and Albert Hall: each is sold out. Then there are his "gimmick" concerts: his Valentine's Day specials ("a red rose for every lady in the audience"); or, returning next week by popular demand of the toddling classes, his Teddy Bears' Concerns "admission £7.50, or £6.50 if you bring a teddy bear").
All of which has made the term

"Gubbay concert" akin to abusive language among the loftest of highbrow music critics. "They seem to think we devise a concert by writing the 12 most popular pieces of classical music on separate cards, and then picking four cards at random," retorts Gubbay. Doesn't he? "My Barbican programmes have changed a lot in eight years, as public taste has altered. That's the fun of the whole business." He makes a point of wandering round the foyers during intervals, eavesdropping on conversations: "Distressing on occa-

Gubbay maintains that he is doing the subsidised sector a service. "The critics ignore the fact that the classical-music regulars who subscribe to London orchestras are very small in number. A survey showed that, although the South Bank was selling 800,000 tickets a year, these were being bought by only 80,000 people. So breaking down barriers is important. People have to be led by the hand; that's why I do the roses and the teddy bears. People feel comfortable, not out of place.

sions, but vital."

"But what I find quite strange about the musical establishment is that they seem to resent this. They forget that when you do lead new audiences into the concert halls, these people are not tied to me permanently. They have eyes, ears and brains; they will look around and see what else is on."

Nevertheless, Gubbay does admit that his concerts - or "product" as he usually calls them - play safe. So the central issue remains how to convert the auchence for Gubbay's concerts, and for the LCO's, into punters for the more demanding offerings. That is something which the subsidised sector should be working furiously to do, instead of writing off Gubbay's audiences as lowbrow punters not worth the bother. To expect commercial promoters to do it is unrealistic. "It's frustrating at times," says Gubbay, "because when I try to push the frontiers out a bit, I quickly reach the point where people don't come." The LCO will know that feeting well by now.

CINEMA

Tailor-made for European success

David Robinson in Paris eavesdrops on the shooting of an operatic film in which

international harmony turns to discord

ilming at night in Paris is no picnic. Istvan Szabo recently discovered this while rounding off the shooting of Meeting Venus, David Puttnam's new European production for Warners. French pedestrians are undeterred by tape barriers. Szabo is just setting up a shot on rue Troyons, near L'Etoile, with his director of photography, Lajos Koltai, when a passer-by peremptorily taps him on the shoulder and asks what the film is about. A courteous man. Szabo paunstakingly, and with only a hint of irony, explains things. Meanwhile Patsy Pollock, the English casting director, is having a tougher time on the other side of the road humouring a loud drunk who wants to get into the action.

Long past midnight, it is freezing cold and the extras and unoccupied crew members gaze at the scene out of the window of a commandeered, derelict boutique where they huddle for warmth. They will be required until six the next morning. Comedy is hard

Meeting Venus is a comic metamorphosis of Szabo's earlier Parisian experiences as a guest director (for Tannhauser) at the Opera. There are also perhaps memories of a subsequent brush with the Vienna Opera House. The main character is a Hungarian conductor, engaged by the Opera Europa for a production of Tannhauser, to be broadcast by satellite across the world.

The conductor's dreams of international harmony are soon dashed. The multinational cast dissplit by petty rivalries, sexual jealousies and bitter political memories. Industrial disputes halt rehearsals. Wagner is at the mercy of a junkie, avant-garde metteuren-scène. Environmentalist terrorists, protesting at the industrialist sponsors of the opera, threaten to bomb the premiere. The conducfor is rent between a passionate love affair with his Scandinavian diva, his collapsing marriage and the bitter jealousies of several other women admirers.

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tion problems is compounded by a mischievous game of linguistic musical chairs in the casting. The Hungarian hero is played by a Franco-Danish stage actor, Neils Arestrup. The American Glenn Close plays a Swedish prima donna, the Swedish Erland Josephson plays a Spaniard, the Portuguese Maria de Madeiros (Anais Nin in Henry and June) plays a French terrorist. The French actress Matte Nahyr plays a Czech singer, and the Czech Marian Labuda plays a German.

The trony is that this parable on the impossibility of international. co-operation has turned out, from the accounts of everyone involved, a model production in terms of morale and efficiency. Despite extensive location shooting in Budapest and Paris, where they were beset by rain, the production remains on sched-ule.

David Puttnam is visibly enjoying himself, after the multi-tr lion anxieties of Memphis Belle. He and Szabo, the Oscar-winning Hungarian director of Mephisio and Colonel Redl, have been friends since they met in 1985 on the jury of the first Tokyo Film Festival. "It has been a lovely experience. Things worked. In fact I feel distinctly underemployed. My job is usually sorung out problems, and there just haven't been any.

The unit insists, however, that Putmam has been far from underemployed and that no small part of his genius as producer is his skill in creating harmony even in a mixed crew like this one — the technicians are French, British and Hungarian. "He arrives on the set, and just goes round actually loving everybody," says one of the assistants. "He's ready to listen to anyone, to talk to anyone. But you soon recognise that he never has a conversation that does not have a

Puttnam, with justifiable confidence, feels that Meeting Venus is a chance to prove that the notion of the "European" film is not the chimera it has sometimes appeared. "Istvan's script is an organically European subject. It is a story that could not be made in any other circumstances than with a multinational cast."

Glenn Close plays the Opera Europa's guest diva her singing voice is provided by Dame Kin Te Kanawa. Close arrived in Budapest when work was already under way. The Europeans were suspicious and apprehensive about the interruption of a Hollywood



Conscientions: Glenn Close on the set of Meeting Venus

for a couple of days she was not called, since she did not appear in the scenes then shooting.

The third day, however, Close, clearly hurt, asked why she had not been called; and explained that she felt it was part of the job to be on set whether she was working or not. The unit was startled by such unprecedented conscientiousness. Thereafter, true to her intentions, Close was on set every day, absorbed, encouraging, jolly, everybody's friend.

"I want to see and know what everyone else is doing. It's my

en though she is not working in the night shoot in rue Troyons, Close is cheerfully freezing with the rest. Her example is evidently infectious. In the course of the night, several other members of the cast call in for a chat, as if it is the most normal thing in the world. The derelict bourique becomes a social club.

Actors everywhere long to work with Isrvan Szabo. Glenn Close finds the experience "inspiring". She has worked in Europe before, on Dangerous Liaisons and Hamlet, and enjoyed the experience; but it was not inspiring in the same way

"Istvan is such an elegant and gracious man. He cares about what he is doing, and has respect for the work and respect for the people he is working with. He is very sensitive to actors. With him it is true collaboration." She agreed to do the part as soon the read the script. "I loved the part, although it still needed work. We met in London and worked together for a day to get it right. As it was originally written, it made me quite a bitch. I'm much nicer

The scene they are shooting involves Neils Arestrup trying to avoid a young soprano who is in amorous pursuit of him. Having done her own bit before the camera, the actress Johanna Ter Steege (star of The Vanishing and Vincent and Theo) wryly watches Arestrup fleeing down the street. "What a fool to run away from me!", she remarks off camera. David Puttnam confirms that the women's contribution to the script made the film "much more romaotic. I think it is better that

The door of the commandeered boutique has by this time mysteriously locked itself. The extras, trapped inside just when they are needed, beat at the windows. Szabo, who jokes with everyone as he quietly, and apparently without effort, gets through take after take, is imperturbable, and waits for things to right themselves.

Given the evident autobiographical content of the story, there is special significance in the character names in the film The American singer is called Surphen Taylor. The German, Tannhauser. is called Schneider, the Italian tenor Stefano del Sarto, and the French stage manager Enenne Tailleur. Each of these names translates directly into English as "Stephen Tailor". So, as it happens, does the Hungarian name Istvan Szabo.

older problems, such as the local hatred of indigenous Hungarians, remain unresolved. Religious unrest, an agricultural system of appalling complexity and inefficiency, and a social structure going back if not to Dracula then certainly to pre-revolutionary times cannot easily be summarised within a 90-minute Flannery left those issues alone and settled for a more familiar dramatic conceit: that of the two

political and social spectrum. Thus in Shoot The Revolution we had Bernard Hill as the idealist if disillusioned teacher and Bob Peck as his equally agonised Securitate brother. To keep events moving, they sometimes had to tell each other who they were and what they c & or a living, so that viewers would not be left out of the family Then there was Sorcha Cusack as the gurl who organised the revolutionary television programmes and Ralph Norsek play ing Cesuses u as an old heavy

A blip on a cloudy screen tele-play with David Edgar's The Shape Of The Table, currently at

EXACTLY a year after the Christmas revolution in Romania, BBC the National Theatre, to see how television spent two-and-a-half many opportunities for a real hours last night looking at its debate about the meaning of repercussions, in two progrecent revolution were missed in rammes. Though very different in reaffirming the old preconcepconception, they came to more or less the same conclusions. Peter By having no commentary, Flannery's Shoot The Revolution was a play pretending to be a Everyman came closer to the documentary: actors speaking to truth: witnesses, all sub-titled, rambled on about how life is in camera about the slaughter in some ways better than before last Timisoara or the demise of December, and in some ways Ceausescu were preceded by Fredworse, and in many ways about die Jones as an all-knowing wry the same. The ultimate lesson here observer remarking that seekers was that the revolution, so far after absolute truth would here be from being as climactic or disappointed. He thereby neatly cataclysmic as television has sugabsolved the dramatist from any need to reach a coherent conclu-

sion as to what really happened. Events that could speak for themselves, such as the presidential belicopier fleeing an increasingly hostile crowd in Bucharest. were shown on television monitors for the rest we were left with series of unanswered questions. What was the involvement of Moscow? Was a deal done between the old Securitate and the new Salvation Front and, if so, is that why many of the old heavies have managed thus far to stay out of prison? Was the revolution ultimately betrayed, and if so by

whom, for what purpose?

But the problem with Romania is that nothing is ever simple: following Flannery's play on BBC 2, BBC 1's Everyman wandered around Transylvania observing post-revolutionary real life. Its conclusion was that although the leadership may have changed drama, which is presumably why brothers at esther end of the

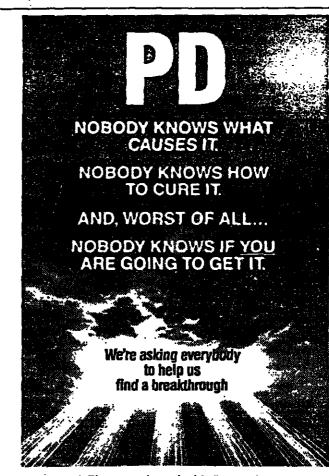
from some Nazi wai film.

Complex usues had to be samplified to a point of nearcarreature: brisk history lessons were followed by the usual confrontations between old communist hardliners and young liberals with an eye on the West, But you have only to compare this

gested, was merely a blip on a screen that continues to be cloudy and riddled with interference. The tragedy in Romania is about the Romanians, not any single leader of past or present in the end, the Flannery play could only come out with Freddie Jones telling us yet again not to take anything we saw or heard at face value. By all means shoot the revolution, but do not try as an outsider to understand it.

Everyman wisely grasped that message, leaving the Romanians to speak, if often unfathomably, for themselves.

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Die Fledermaus Covent Garden

THE spotlight shines brightly on this revival of Fledermaus, pending the arrival Joan Sutherland, Luciano Pavarotti and Marilyn Horne at Oriofsky's new year's eve party. That performance, all four bours of it, will go out live on BBC 2 and the cameras were already in place on opening night, picking up what they could. Those pickings were only intermittently attractive.

here as Orfeo during the visit of the Komische Oper. John Sessions has been brought in as an un-Fresch, with not a whiff of berates the Covent Garden audience as a load of champagne louts. John Mortimer has updated his English version, although jokes about the June 20 Group have a fustian feel about them, even if

John Cox's revival of his own production has two mighty obstacles not yet surmounted. The 13-year-old sets of Julia Trevelvan Oman now look clumsy and impoverished; more suitable for Act I of Arabella by that other



Playful heights: Nancy Gustafson as a glamorous Rosalinde with Bonaventura Bottone as Alfred

strangely flaccid conducting of Richard Bonynge. He handles the silken side of the score well enough, but of fizz there is none. Perhaps Mr Toad could be borrowed from the National to give a bit of Poop! Poop! and pop to proceedings.

On the credit side there is a glamorous and playful Rosalinde from Nancy Gustafson, who filled the csardas with plenty of Hungarian fire and presumably some Hungarian words, although the Gustafson's height made Bonaventura Bottone's Alfred look

more than ever like an Italian icecream tenor. But no one skips around the stage better than he or with more sense of self-parody. Louis Otey, a house debut, is the baritone Eisenstein. He, at least, cut a Viennese figure, the very model of an Anton Walbrook as puts on his prison kit of white tie and tails, although the part did sound a bit high for him. The home team's contributions were all highly polished, from Judith Howarth's saucy Adele and the suave Falke of Anthony Michaels-Moore, to Eric Garrett's Frank.

enough from the front of the stage, but was lost among the crowd. More worrying is the violent change of gear when the Prince switches from spoken dialogue to song. The best Orlofsky in the business remains Brigitte Fassbaender, who was in the role at the Festival Hall last week. This Fledermaus needs a few more magnums of champagne moved from the Crush Bar to the stage before the cameras start to roll.

cerns Kowalski, who carried well

JOHN HIGGINS

THEATRE

Marriage of Convenience King's Head

THIS double bill would appear to be the revenge of the Tara Arts Group on the thrifty London council which recently took away its grant, threatening its future. That this is so becomes evident as the company launches into a version of Chekhov's The Proposal which, so a cast member sourly announces. Tara has dedicated to the borough of Wandsworth, "so generous, so munificent, the heart of civilised culture in the land". Clearly, it is no accident that this play is all about stupidity, short-sightedness and greed while its companion piece, Brecht's The Beggar, deals with the evils of authority.

Indignation and cultural bluster are all very fine, but the best riposte to the city fathers of Wandsworth would be to offer an

CONCERT

Orchestra of the Age

of Enlightenment

Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE Orchestra of the Age of

Enlightenment is launching an

important London series of eight

concerts, three of which are de-

voted to the music of Bach at

Cothen. The array of talents in the

orchestra enables it to present

ensemble members as soloists also

and, in this nicely varied pro-

gramme, different players took the

limelight in turn, though the

striking thing about this accom-

plished group is that virtuosity is

always subjugated to the honesty

The Third and Sixth Branden-

burg Concertos were exciting, not

because they were played with

exceptional vigour or speed

(though the last movement of the

Third went at a fair lick), but

because of the way fine nuances of

texture were revealed by these

and joy of sheer music-making.

unmissable production of an excellent play. Tara proved itself capable of that last summer, with a wonderfully inventive reworking of Molière's Tartuffe, which ended up at the National Theatre. This latest effort is less imaginative and more modestly enjoyable; and not

The Beggar confronts an emperor, who has just acquired supreme power, with a vagrant who is lamenting what for him is a supreme loss, the death of his dog. The point seems to be that the great are about as relevant and useful to the humble as the sun to ting away with war and plunder. Better to follow the example of Muraly Menon's foriorn beggar, who simply slopes off, leaving Vincent Ebrahum's rajah, now impotently screeching out his enthusiasm for new Hiroshimas and Nagasakis.

The piece has its pretensions,

but is not a lot more intellectually impressive than The Proposal, which has none. Menon, who directs both plays, follows Tara practice by transporting this, too,

The biggest question mark con-



Transformed figure: Vincent Ebrahim as the raging rajah

to a distinctly Indian context. One landowner still manages to imperil his courtship of another's daughter by quarrelling about the deeds to a field and the rival merits of their two dogs; but the cut of the characters' clothes is Uttar Pradesh, not Belorussia. They also call each other "thoroughgoing bullocks", not a very Chekhovian

Rezaul Kabir, Cuckoo Parameswaran and Vincent Ebrahim (respectively father, daughter and hypochondriacal suitor) play with so much energy one half-expected a steward to emerge from the wings at the curtain call and test them for steroids. True, Chekhov called The Proposal a farce, and meant it; but then he used the same word for The Cherry Orchard. With so much rushing and yelling and jumping in and out of the baskets littering the stage, there is not much time and space for the kind of human observation that gives texture to laughter. A cheerful, lively performance this; nothing less but nothing more.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERT

BBC SO/Zagrosek

substantial programme for the **BBC** Symphony Orchestra with Lothar Zagrosek, its principal guest conductor as well as music director at the Leipzig Opera, and brought first credit on this occasion to the BBC Symphony Chorus, whose freshness of tone and vigorous attack developed by Stephen Jackson as chorus master was impressive in meeting the contrasting demands of Beetho-

Whether the latter's Symphony of Psalms of 1930 might be counted a more pertinent "ode to joy" than Beethoven's in his Ninth Symphony was here brought into question by the fervent choral supplication and diamond-bright tone of the opening "Exaudi", leading on to the confident vocal stride of a clamant

"Laudate" in the finale; a hymn of praise "issuing from the skies" as Stravinsky wanted it.

dominated by wind instruments.

CINEMA GUIDE

NEW RELEASES

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(U): A return year to the tend of Fan

♦ MIAMI BLUES (18): Quirky thirter

HEAVY PETTING: An amusing cocktail of claps from American sex education times mixed with celebrities recalling their first

heading nowhere, though the off-beat characters are a delight. Alec Belowin as a rampaging ex-con. Fred Ward as a seedy copt, Jenniter Jasón Lieigh as a call-girl caught in

non Panton Street (071-930 0631).

Visually speciacular, but the plot is a jumple and an uniteastle child actor, Jonathan

Brands, spois some of the fun.
Cannons: Fultum Rose (071-377 2636)
Haymanter (071-638 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-438 0791)
Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THIREE SISTERS (12): Chekhov updated

♦ AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane Campon's excellent film about the New Zeeland writer Janet Frame. Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE BIG PICTURE (15) Genial statice on

THE BIG MCTUNE (15) Genes same on Hollywood momenisming from two stantin of This is Spinial Tap. Christopher Guest and Michael McKesn, with Kevin Babon as a young director on the make. Carmons: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Futham Road (071-370 2636).

♦ BLUE STEEL (18): Tough, blood-apatrared police thriller with a ferminist stant

Spainter protect waters largelow. Castnon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6544/5) Mezzanine (071-630 6111).

COME SEE THE PARADISE (15): Alan

THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS (18):

D AFTER THE FALL: Arthur MERES

D BOOKENDS, Disappointingly empty tale of two literary blokes. Michael Horde

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tom

Apolic, Sheftesbury Avenue Wf (071-437 2683) Underground Piccanity Mon-Fr, Spin, Sat, 8.30pm, mai Sat, Spin, Running time:

Line BUTS NEXT DOOR: Tom Griffin's patronising view of the mentally ill-adjusted. Fine acting, with Steve Guitanberg, Transfer from Hampstead. Comedy Theatre, Pention Street, SW1 (071-857 1045). Underground. Piccadilly Mon-Truss. Bom. Fin. Sat. 8.30pm, mers Fin. Sat. 5.30pm Running time. Zhrs 10mms. Ence December 29.

☐ THE COUNTRY WIFE: Appatingly

heavy-handed old-fashioned production though Fenella Fielding has her stylish

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☐ GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and

Li GASHING: John Gordon Sinclair and Jim Carter in Ben Elboh's greenesh comedy. Rather over the top, but lots of laughs. Theatre Royal. Haymanier, SWT (071-530 8800). Underground Procadilly, Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Pn, Sat, 8.30pm, mar Set, Spm. Running time, 21ss 30mms.

HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Hannah Gordon

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mo of barytales grimmer then Grimm in the first half burns signs, thereather

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Tucker, on loan from the Earmingham Royal Sallet, Phillip Broomhead, and Nicola Transh

Transh. Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1086/1911), 7.30pm.

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CURRENT

ranks also Lens (125 Chernov updated to an fasien unwersity town in the 1980s. Sparks by form all times actresses (Ferrey Artism, Gress Soscell, Valera Golino), yet the film staye in low gear. Director, Margarethe von Trotha.

Premiere (071-438 4470).

THE NEVERENDING STORY PART 2

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

the motister who hares a New York him student (Neutriew Broderick) as a delivery-boy. Ocean Kansington (071-602 6644/5).

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♦ GOODFELLAS (18): Mertin Scorsese's gangster epic following a New York hoodilum's rise and fall With Robert De Niro. Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2638) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on Baker Street (071-835 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

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♦ HOME ALONE (PG): Plucky kid left alone at Christmas wards off bumbling burglars. Broad, machine-tooled American family fun from writer-producer John Hughe with Macaulay Cultan, Joe Pesci. A big US

ht. Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) Cannon Chelses (071-352 5095) Haymarket (071-539 1527) Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-526 544/5) Swiss Costage (071-722 595) Mezzannen (071-590 5111) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-723 3003/3324).

♦ THE HOT SPOT (18): Raging sexual fires and duplicity in a ligzy Texas town, decousely evoked by director Dennis Hopper Don Johnson as the drifter who unearths a homet's riest, Virginia Madee non Chelses (071-352 5096) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

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everything about it is smaller. mushrooms; yet are still paid respect and given credibility, gettransformed from a rouged dandy into the kind of crimson demon found in Buddhist wall paintings,

players. As their voices dipped and interwove, one heard not rigidly continuous lines moving in

Elizabeth Wallfisch, the violinas the nimble soloist in the Minor Concerto, BWV 1056, and was joined by Anthony Robson for the Concerto in C Minor for violin and oboe, BWV 1060. The playing all round was immaculate, but Robson deserves special praise for obtaining such a finely

suggest that a good deal of its subtlety must have been lost there. offered a pair of preludes and

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ven and Stravinsky.

The composer said of this work that, for him, "the relation of tempo and meaning is a primary

estion of musical order" and Zagrosek judged this well, putting across its message with the help of glowing timbres from the unusual balance of instruments. That made it all the more difficult to go along with the superficial excitement he generated in Beethoven. All but the Adagio was given a brisk, blithe momentum that denied any trace of the "un poco maestoso" Beethoven indicated at

The delay in bringing on the solo singers until after the Scherzo made sense, if only to reduce the risk of anybody dozing off. The Dutch-born Robert Holl was admirably alert and authoritative, complemented by Suzanne Murphy, Mary King and Philip Langridge in an ebullient quarter, against an orchestral texture over-

azes and styles in the one-Christmas period. The Bartican's performance is by the professional Richard Hickido. Singless under their eponymous founder the Queen Elizabeth Hait has the Hoas Singless directed by Micholes Kraemer and at Silliohn's the much-tancied Sixteen Choir and Orchestra sing nationality single Heavy Christopher's direction at should be only and dependable. NOEL GOODWIN

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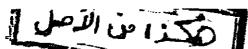
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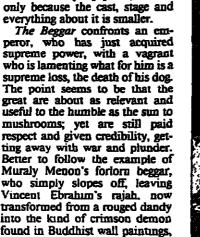
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Christmas presents for pets 10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Playdays 10.25 Bunyip (r) 10.35 People Today. Including the Kitchen Call phone-in 11.00 Ne News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. A studio discussion on teenage freedom hosted by Robert Kilroy-Silk 11.45 Before Noon. Today's

Quiz winner is announced .12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Antiques Roadshow Gens. Memorable moments from the long-running show, presented by Hugh Scully 12.20 Scene Today with Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers 12.55 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn

Lewis. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceetax) 1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz with Henry Kelly 2.15 Starsky and Hutch. Cops and crooks in downtown LA (r) 3.00 Hudson and Halls. It is tinsel time with the Kiwi cooks, who make three calorieladen dishes including one in a flower pot

3.25 Head of the Class. American high school comedy starring Howard Hessemen

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3.50 Fireman Sam narrated by John Alderton 4.00 A Bear Behind, Last in the series of poems, songs and dance 4.10 The New York Bear Show (r) 4.20 Happy Families, Comedy besed on the card game characters 4.35 Thundercat

4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceetax). Northern ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Uister 8.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Morra Stuart, Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan in the West End. Terry takes to John Caird, the man behand Les Misérables, and offers a preview of Caird's new show Children of Eden 7.30 Watchdog. John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood present the consumer magazine and report on the Glass

and Glazing Federation, the arbiter of the double-glazing industry 8.00 Telly Addicts. Barbara Windsor, ventriloquist Ray Alan, John Kettley and Jill Dando take on this year's champion family in a special edition of the television quiz. Noel Edmonds is the umpire. (Ceefax) 8.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave Em.

Boisterous comedy with Michael Crawford as the accident-prone Frank Spencer and Michelle Dotrice his long-suffering wife Betty (r) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceetax) Regional news and

9.30 Never Come Back. CHOICE: One of the year's drama successes on BBC2 gets an early repeat on BBC1, with the four episodes combined into two Never Come Back is an adaptation by David Pirie of John Mair's second world war thriller about a bored young man who become



Intrigue: Parker and Hamilton (9.30pm)

unwittingly involved in dangerous adventures. This may sound like John Buchan, but the cynical, womanising Desmond These (played with sinst charm by Natheniel Perker) is no Buchen hero. An infetuation with a treacherous women (Sogerma Hamilton) is the starting point for a fast-moving tale of deception and intrigue, played out against the edgy atmosphere of a nation bracing itself tor conflict. Pirie and the director, Be Bolt, treat Never Come Back as a period piece, combining the stylist conventions of the Hollywood film noir (dark streets and long shadow with a conspicuous use of second

world wer artelacts (Ceefax)

10.45 Show Jumping. The last two
competitions at this year's Christmas
horse show at Olympia are the Grand Prix and the Fency Dress Relay Northern Ireland: (to 11.10) Growing 11.35 Advice Shop. Consumer programme

with Helen Medden and Carmen Pry Hugh Jones, former singer with the Spinners folk group, looks at cereer opportunities for the over-50s (r) 12.05em Weether

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Maya Even and, from 7.00, by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly. With main news on the hour and headlines on the half hour. In the Doc Spot at 6.20 and 8.35 Dr Hitary Jones has advice on staying healthy over Christmas and in After Nine Kathy Tayler shows how to make mince pies with brandy butter

9.25 Keynotes, Music duz show in which two teams have to guess the lyncs to the songs 9.55 Thames News and 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John

Stapleton hosts today's topical discussion programme 10.40 This Morning. Femily magazine show presented by Richard Medeley

and Judy Frintigan
12.05 Roste and Jim. Children's
entertainment with John Cunlife 12.25 Home And Away. Drama senal about an Australian couple and their foster children 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather

1.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley and John Murray preview the coming week's evening programmes which deal with essential services available over the Christmas period 1.50 A Country

2.20 Great Adventurers and Their Quests: Indiana and the Last Crusade. A comparison of the fictional quest of the hero, indiana Jones, and the nents of real-life advi 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Scap linking tamibes in Australia and the 3.55 Sugs Busny and Friends (r) 4.20 The Sooty Show, With Matthew Corbett (r) 4.45 Count Duckula, Animaled n with the duck from Transylvania. Including the voices of David Jason and Ruby Wax

5.10 Who's the Boss? American sitcom starring Tony Danza.
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter (Oracle).

5.55 Thames Help. This week the community news programme turns its stiention to services available over the Christmas holiday period, beginning with the Semantens 6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather 7.00 Wish You Were Here? To cake the 150th anniversary of Cunerd, Judith Chalmers takes a Canbbean cruise aboard the Cunard Countess. Visits to the museums at Duxford, Hendon and Hawkinge are also featured in an assessment by Air Commodore Mickey Mount of their attraction to visitors (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Christmas is

interpreted in different ways by the residents of Weatherfield. (Oracle) 8.00 Freddie and Max. Max wants a part in a West End production and she will let no one stand in her way. Freddie can hardly believe it when she finds that this also includes someone who has died recently Starring Anne Bancroff and Charlotte Coleman

8.30 World in Action: Twenty Years Hard Labour. A report on Shelfield council's plans to host the World Student Games which will leave the city's tax payers with a \$200 million

9.00 Taggart. The final episode of a three-part story. The murrimfied body found in Sophie's attic causes new questions to anse and Taggart is keen to answer

them before any more lives are lost Starring Mark McManus and James MacPherson. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and

Julia Somerville (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.40 Ending Up. The five elderly residents of Tupenny-ha/penny Cottage ere preparing for Christmas, but their mundane lives are suddenly brightened up by a series of events which degenerate into an orgy of senite dementia. Adapted by Douglas Livingstone from a Kingsley Amis story and staming John Mills and Wendy

Hiller (t) 12.10am The New Avengers. Dated spy capers with the wooden gang of three A man whose touch spells death is hoping to get his hands on Purdey (r). Followed by News headlines
1.10 Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis

introduces highlights of the final round of the Johnnie Walker Asian Classic, which has attracted top-class golfers including Nick Faldo and Greg Norman. Followed by News Headlines 2.10 World Chess Championship. Raymond Keene, The Times's Chess

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correspondent, with the latest news on the senes in Lyons between Kasparov and Karpov 2.35 Film: Clash by Night (1963 b/w)

starming Terence Longdon Jenniles Jayne and Harry Fowles Brish British thriller about Six criminals en route by bus from one jail to another. A former bus from one jail to another: A former friend of the sx, now a notonous gangland villain, has bribed the driver to make a detour. Directed by Montgomery Tully Followed by News headlines.

4.00 American College Football, Arkensas v Baylor.

5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of the latest parliamentary news 8.30 Reflections. Francis Coulson and Bnan Sack reflect on 40 years of hotel

file in the Lake District (r)
9.00 Film: The Shoes of the Fisherman 1968). A curate's egg of a film, with an di-star cast, about a persecutert Russian bishop (Anthony Quinn) who is elevated to the Vatican where he faces unexpected responsibilities. Laurence Olivier, David Janssen, Barbara Jefford, Leo McKern, Vittorio de Sica, John Gielgud and Frank Finlay make up the galaxy. Directed by Michael Anderson

 11.30 After Hours includes a feature on Bobby Brown
11.50 The Invisible Man (r) 12.40 Tackel
The off-field story of 60 years in the life
of the World Cup (r)

1.20 Pigeon Street (r)
1.35 Under Sail. The 18-Footers of
Sychey Harbour (r) 1.55 A Carol from Ely. "O Little Town of Bethleher sung by the cathedral choir 2.00 News and weather followed by Songs of Praise (r). (Ceetax)

2.35 Show Jumping. Grand prix highlights and a preview of tonight's fancy dress finale, includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 4.00 Catchword. Word game 4.30 Behind the Headlines. Jane Corbin chairs a discussion on charities. With Graham Mather, Paul Vallely, Diana

Leat and Joanna White 5.00 First Sight: Baby Alex. The story of a family who decided to have their baby, despite a rare heart defect, in the hope that Harefield Hospital would give him a chance of life (r).

5.30 Film: Trail Street (1947, b/w). Crisp, simple-minded western that centres on the town of Liberal in Kansas, where lawless cowbovs are causing haved. Marshal Randolph Scott is called in to restore law and order. Directed by

Ray Enright
6.55 DEF II begins with New Attitude.
Beauty salon comedy 7.20 Dance Energy. The latest news from the

8.00 Open Space: Alice in Vitro. The community access programme tackles women's experiences of infertility and the high failure rate of modern ment (Ceetex). Wates: Tastes of

8.30 Nature: Wall of Death. CHOICE: Tonight's ecological poser concerns driftnet fishing, a relatively uncontroversial activity until the development of cheap, strong and extremely efficient nylon nets. The trouble is that the nets ensuare not only the tuna, swordfish and sould which the fishermen set out to catch, but also dolphins, whales and seabirds, who get trapped in the nylon mesh, are unable to breathe and drown. A survey of 27 Japanese ships revealed a death toil of 914 dolphins and more than 9,000 seabirds conservationist calls driftnets the most destructive fishing technology ever devised by man. Triona Holden's report ranges from Alaska, where driftnets are being used to pirate salmon, and Italy, where nylon nets have been banned after a public outcry. The United Nations is looking for an international ban by 1992. Meanwhile "dolphin friendly" stickers are being applied to supermarket tuna to reassure anxious environmentalists



Superb: Alice and The Mock Turtle (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Dreamchild (1965). CHOICE: The writer Dennis Potter and director Gavin Millar were responsible for a memorable ion play Creem in My Coffee, in which an elderly couple looked back on their younger days. In *Dreamchid*Potter and Milar use a similar device
of moving between present and past in
the story of Alice Hargreaves, who
as Alice Liddell was the child to whom Lewis Carroll told the Alice stories. Arriving in New York in 1932 for the Carroll centenery, the 80-year-old Mrs Hargreaves is disconcerted by the brash New World and becomes increasingly haunted by childhood memories of golden Oxford summers. Her recollections of Carroll become intertwined with his stories, as the Mad Hatter, the Mock Turtle and other characters are brought to life by the late Jim Henson of the Muppets. Alice is superbly played by Coral Browne, with lan Holm as the shy Carroll. (Ceefax)

10.30 Newsnight 11.15 The Late Show includes a profile of French architect Philippe Starck 11.55 Weather 12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30.

Ends at 12.35am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sing and Swing with the jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r) 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Soothing music with beautiful images 1.00 As It Happens, Richard Jobson and the camera crew visit israel to see the way people live there and what is

happening 12.00 Broken Silence; Survival. The Spenish nature senes examining animal behaviour today looks at methods of protection employed by some to stave off predators (r) 12.30 Business Daily

1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Film: The Ghost and Mrs Muir (1947, b/w). The Rex Harrison retrospective continues with this ical romantic comedy about the ghost of a gruff sea captain who haunts a young widow (Gene Tierney) until she eventually talls in love with him. The eight-year-old Natalie Wood plays the widow's daughter. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz.

4.00 Vintage. In his final programme on the wine industry, Hugh Johnson examines the technology which has sprung from a worldwide thirst for wine **4.30 Fifteen-Lo-One. William G. Stewart** with enother round of the fast-moving

quiz game 5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's lively and topical late-night show 6.00 Roseanne. The Monday thru Friday Show. Another chance to catch the first series of the cult comedy starring

the wisecracking Roseanne Barr and John Goodman (r) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The

quests are opera singer Julia Migenes and artist Jeff Koons
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zemab Badawi. (Oracle)
7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban

8.30 My Two Dads, Tepid American nedy about a girl who has two fathers Nicole throws a party and Joey thinks it's up to him to prove how hip he is in front of her friends hip he is in front of her triends



Miteracy cured: Paulo Friere (9.00pm)

9.00 Liberating Literacy.

● CHOICE: Some six million people in Britain have difficulties with reading and writing. According to Paulo Freire, a Brazilian educationalist of international repute, this makes us a third world country as far as literacy is concerned. Freire provides nments to Colin Thomas's film, which tells the stories of six people who suffered from being unable to read and write but managed to overcome the handscap and make positive use of their belatedly acquired skills. The emphasis is on effects and remedies

recret that Thomas did not tackle the arguably more pertinent question of why so many children leave school without reading and writing among their accomplishments. On the other hand Liberating Literacy is a message of nope to those who have felt isolated and rejected by their disability and been too embarrassed to come clean (Oracle)

10.00 Paul McCartney: From Rio to Liverpool. Paul McCartney's world tour which has taken in Brazil and the United States climaxes in his home town of Liverpool. The programme tollows the veteran pop star and his band through the vanous stages of the tour with hits including old Beatles' songs and "Mull of Kintyre" 11.00 James Dean: The First American Teenager. Live fast, die young is a

phrase which will always bring to mind Hollywood film star James Dean, whose sivie and attitude and the lact he died at 24 gave him icon status for teenagers world-wide. Sullen and wild-eyed, Dean provided relief from the squeaky-clean young screen stars of the Fifties. This film by Ray Connolly attempts to separate the lacts from the myths through interviews with Dean's contemporaries including Dennis Hopper, Natalie Wood, Samo Davis Jr and Carroll Baker, together with clips from his three films, Rebe Without a Cause, East of Eden and

12.30am Film: Border Radio (1987). Chris D. Luana Anders and John Doe star as members of a rock group who are owed money by a Hollywood club owner. After robbing the club, they go on the run and the group's leader Jeff decides to head for the Mexican border. Directed and written by Akson Anders. Ends at 2.05

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K 2970: Christopher O'Neal,
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8.30 News
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the Boneman Potest, 5 1/3
No 5); and Mendelssohn
(Sonata No 2 in D. Op 58) (r)
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College, Cambridge. Travers
(Cornet Voluntary); Pachelbel
(Checonne No 6 in F minor);
Buxtehude (Toccata in F, Bux
WV 156); Bech (Concerto in E
flat, BWV 597; Nun komm der
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Marwood, violin, and Gordon

Black, piano, perform Lectair (Violin Sonata in D. Op 9 No

(Violin Sonala in E minor, Op 82): Revel (Tzigane); and Kreister (Chanson Louis XIII and Pavane in the style of Louis

Couperin) (r)
9.30 The 1990 Reith Lectures: The

10.00 Outside in Festival: More

Persistence of Farth. Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks talks on

religion and ethics in a secular society. 5: Religion in Conflict

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Adamson 10.45 Daily Service with the choir of Blue Coat Church of England School, Coventry

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Eve Burrows visits the Army's
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Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs in the studio; a feature or MPs in the studio; a teature or the third year of the Association for British Sponsorable of the Aris sewards; review of EMI's new recording of Berlioz's L'Entance du Christ; and the American Gerry Winogrand's photographs, currently being entitotied at the Hayward Gellevi in London, are Gallery in London, are neviewed by Colin Ford, Director of Film and Photography at the Museum of Bradford (s) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

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6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

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Curriculum on mathematics and science to be simplified

KENNETH Clarke, the education secretary, is to simplify the national curriculum for science and mathematics for pupils aged between 14 and 16.

Mr Clarke is being advised by the School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac) that the GCSE examinations in the two subjects cannot be adapted in time for 1994, when the national curriculum attainment targets for pupils aged 16 are due to be tested through the GCSE.

The science course has 17 separate attainment targets, while mathematics has 13. Seac has decided that the present GCSEs would not be able to test them all and that there is insufficient time to construct new syllabuses, which would have to be introduced in September 1992. Mr Clarke is expected to accept the advice that this is too complicated and agree to reduce the curriculum tests to

The council is reluctant to alter the nature of the GCSE, which has established standards that it believes are not easy to reconcile with the large number of attainment targets that are, at present,

ANC threat to suspend key talks

Continued from page 1 is only marginally responsible for the strife being orchestrated by

The ANC mood was summed up in the conference declaration: We unanimously and unequivocally re-dedicate ourselves to ... our revolutionary strategy, believing that there have been no fundamental changes in the political situation which would require a

departure from our strategy." Mr Mandela pledged radical adjustments within the organisation in the light of severe criticism of the leadership's handling of issues such as negotiations, violence, and the "armed

• BELFAST, South Africa: Eugene Terre Blanche, the leader of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), said yesterday that the organisation will take over the government by force if power was handed to the

The day the (ruling) National ANC we will take over the government by force and implement our own Boer state, he told a crowd of about 2,000 rightwingers at a Boer monument in this town, west of Johannesburg.

legal requirements of the curriculum. Mr Clarke is already considering recommendations from the National Curriculum Council that insist children aged between 14 to 16 should follow all ten national curriculum subjects, in spite of a request from his predecessor John MacGregor that consideration should be given to dropping subjects such as music,

art, and physical education. Mr Clarke's view on this was disclosed in an earlier interview with The Times in which he said: "It is not instantly apparent that they have taken in what has been said. The curriculum must not become prescriptive and exclude the whole variety of options that neone want to exercise."

Testing at the age of seven and 11 has already been reduced to the main core subjects of mathematics, English and science, and the tests for seven-year-old pupils that begin next May have been simplified following pilot tests earlier this year, which proved unworkable. Mr Clarke will come under pressure from some leading educationists to limit compulsory testing at the age of 16 through the GCSE to English, mathematics, science, a modern language and technology.

Children will be allowed to drop other subjects, but the government is expected to insist that physical education should be com-pulsory for all children up to the age of 16. It is understood that the PE working party, chaired by Ian Beer, headmaster of Harrow and a former Rugby international, and which includes Steve Ovett, the athlete, and John Fashanu, the Wimbledon footballer, will make a strong case on medical grounds for it to remain compulsory.

At the same time, a cross-party committee of MPs is to examine physical education teaching in schools. The Commons edu-cation, science and arts committee will look at how much time is devoted to PE, ways of halting the decline in teaching outside the curriculum, and at the provision of indoor facilities.

Seac have also told Mr Clarke that they are to drop their plans for a reform of A-levels, which will remain the main entry qualification for university. The council had wanted sixth-form pupils to be taught a wider spread of subjects, and for the use of the AS examination, the half A-level, to be extended. Plans to make the Alevel more like the GCSE examination are also to be quietly Mr Clarke and the heads of the more academic independent schools.

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The City's route to all evil

Deal over junior doctors

brings extra consultants

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

IT IS almost impossible to be a City moneymaker and comply with the demands of ethics and morality, according to a Roman Catholic church report.

The report, The Root of All Evil?, says that there is a split between the faith professed by City workers when they are at the office and at home. It also criticises the sheer magnitude of the salaries paid to directors and many working in the City compared to most workers.

One person interviewed doubted whether any person was worth what they were paid, and one City journalist said that he was outraged by the high wages While the sins of greed and theft

TWO hundred extra consultants

are expected to be appointed next

year as part of an agreement to

reduce junior doctors' hours of

The agreement, which will be

signed this afternoon by doctors'

leaders and Virginia Bottomley,

the health minister, was reached

after ten months of discussions

between ministers, health offi-

Last night the British Medical

Association said that the agree-

ment would prove to be an

important breakthrough by provi-

ding a framework to achieve a

maximum 72-hour working week

for junior doctors - who now

work,

were recognised, many City workers looked to the law and the regulatory system to control them.

The report, commissioned by Roman Catholic bishops in England and Wales, says: "The moral discussion here is not just about the control of greed and power but about the kind of society that should be encouraged, and the importance of work and remuneration to the tone of that society," The study criticises the frightening practices used to reclaim debts, although it concedes that credit is not in itself a bad thing. Interest rates are not incompatible with Christian teaching the report says, adding that the demands

which ethics and morality make

work an average 90-hour week -

The additional consultant posts.

estimated to cost £13 million, will

be on top of the 100 posts provided under the NHS reforms

to tackle long waiting lists and

improve junior doctors' hours. A

further £1.5 million is expected to

be allocated centrally for 50 extra

staff grade posts (the new sub-

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to the hospitals where juniors

work the most hours. Money will

only be released if local managers

show how they can reduce hours.

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South-East may have wintry showers. Inland, it should be dry but cold. Wales, parts of southern England and central and

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within two to five years.

on all who work in the world of money seem idealistic and impractical, if not impossible.

The report says: "The worlds of wealth and morality are in constant tension. This was acknowledged by almost everyone interviewed." Many agreed that new statutory regulations could not be expected to go far enough because they could never encompass all that is meant by "Thou shalt not steal" and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods."

The report calls for an alliance between the law, voluntary organisations and institutions with moral concerns to address City fraud. Spirituality must build on the perceived truth that market forces and the profit motive are viewed as contributing to the common good.

There are signs that in the coming decade there will be an increasingly vocal appeal for ethical and even religious values to improve business life. "Corporations are looking for codes of ethics and the formulation of value systems." The study found evidence of a search by business people and theologians for an underlying moral philosophy to give a new direction to the world of money. Many of those questioned were convinced that their work was morally valuable.

The study was commissioned to provide a factual background of moral issues arising in that world as a basis for offering moral guidance, constructive encourage ment and eventual authoritative **DIOROUNCEMENT.**

God's new image, page 16

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Heath to testify on **Gulf before Congress**

By MICHAEL KNIPE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

EDWARD Heath, the former Conservative prime minister, is to fly to Washington on Wednesday to argue for more diplomatic efforts to resolve the confrontation in the Gulf.

Mr Heath, an early advocate of caution, is the only non-American invited to give evidence before the committee which is examining prospects of resolving the confrontation by diplomatic measures. He is scheduled to testify on Thursday morning. "This is a great opportunity to impress upon the American Congress that there is an alternative to war in the Gulf," he said.

"I am greatly encouraged that the committee has invited me because it is a clear indication of their willingness to listen to those of us who have been encouraging diplomatic initiatives from the start," said Mr Heath, who as Lord Privy Seal in the 1961

Conservative government negotiated Kuwait's independence. In September he expressed concern about the hawkish noises from the American military and

argued that diplomatic channels should be exhausted before war was contemplated. He angered the government when, in an appearance on the Walden Interview on television,

he urged that a door should be kept open to a negotiated settle. ment. He disputed the comparison of the Iraqi leader with Hitler and drew a parallel with the Cuban missile crisis saying the world was pulled back from the brink of war when President Kennedy offered concessions to Khrushchev.

Mr Heath obtained freedom for 33 British hostages in Iraq by flying to Baghdad for talks with President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, in October.

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Envoys leave flag flying

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who have long-standing business relations they wish to continue. Before the sources said, the British diplomats made every effort to contact every British national. also relayed over the BBC World Service saying that once the diplomats left there wasno way consular assistance could be provided.

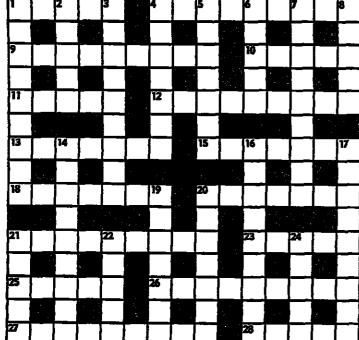
Mr Weston, aged 53, who was born in Crowborough, Sussex and educated at Dover College and St

Catherine's College, Cambridge, was on his second tour of duty in Kuwait when the Iraqi invasion occurred.

He marked the start of the siege by drinking champagne by candleafter water electricity and telephones were cut. Iraqi guards stationed outside prevented anyone entering or leaving.

As their provisions ran low, Mr Weston and Mr Banks cultivated a vegetable garden to supplement their diet of tinned food.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,479



- 1 A US lawyer writing as US presi-
- 4 Source of income for a top man 9 Post protection (9). 10 Scottish island administered by
- 11 Some said education should be subsidised (5).

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- 13 People who are late occupy his attention (7). 15 If the editor backed a worker it
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hesitation by party leader (7).

21 Bring back control - the country's behind it (9). 23 Like getting in quiet word of thanks for the food (5).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,478 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

- 25 Left inside edge (5). One page is being rewritten in this secret work (9).
- 27 Memorable character (3-6). 28 Sweet nonsense (5).

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- "Beware the pine-tree's withered branch! Beware the awful _!" (Longfellow) (9).
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 22 The setting for a confrontation 24 The turf points a way (5).
- Concise Crossword, page 13

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard MOUTAN ented carpentry joint PARABOLANUS GAZUNDERING

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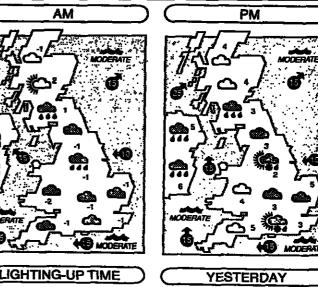
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By ANGELA MACKAY

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From Peter Guilford

BRITAIN is among a group of countries blocking rules that would make money-laundering a criminal offence in the European Community.

Though Britain published tough non-statutory guidelines urging its banks to track down drug-dealers just a week ago, ministers wish to retain the sovereign right to decide what is a crime and what is not. Criminal law, says the government, is not part of the Brussels ambit.

Britain, France and Luxembourg are the only Community countries that have legislation dealing specifically with money-laundering Of those, just Britain and France demand the reporting of transactions thought to be suspicious. In theory, this could leave British banks at a disadvantage to their less regulated European rivals.

Brussels wants the directive to force EC countries to pass laws making money-laundering a criminal offence. Financial institutions would have to demand the identities of clients and take "reasonable measures" to find the names behind dummy bank ac-

Britain is at odds with the directive on several counts. The government could only accept a text that stated member countries were responsible for criminal law. The Italian minister chairing the meeting will push for a compromise with this in mind. One solution will be an intergovernmental declaration in which all member states agree to criminalise money-laundering without appearing to lese sovereignty over criminal

Brussels wants the reporting of all transactions above 10,000 ecus (£7,000) to be mandatory, at least for one-off clients. But Britain, Germany and Greece would like this raised to about 15,000 ecus.

Critics say the directive is toothless, while the Commission retorts that a weak deterrent is better than no deterrent at all. Meanwhile, the council of ministers, which has the final word, has set itself until the end of the year to conclude the directive.

MTM's chief

rejects US move DAVID Fyfe is resigning as managing director of MTM, the specialist chemicals group, after refusing an offer from Richard Lines, the executive chairman, to run the enlarged American operations. In a statement expected

today, Mr Fyfe, in temporary charge of the American business since the ambitious £59 million, equity-financed purchase of Hardwicke Chemical in October, is said to have turned the job down "for personal and family reasons". He has indicated he will resign before April.

Jim Friederichsen, a former MTM executive but more recently the head of Staley's starch and specialties division, becomes president of American activities today.

Tempus, page 23

Executive Editor David Brewerton

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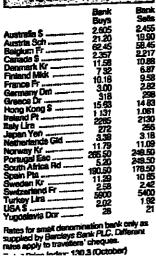
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Britain Governor backs Cards a winner for Wace drugs cash Chancellor on interest rates

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

the new Chancellor's of British Industry forecasting view that the strength of the pound must take precedence over early cuts in interest rates.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, interviewed on Answering Back, the Channel 4 prohad opposed the simultaneous cut in interest rates in conjunction with Britain's enmechanism of the European

thrown his weight behind survey by the Confederation ly justified an easing. that output will continue to decline for months. The survey is expected to increase pressure for immediate interest rate reductions.

In an unusually outspoken manner, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said he hoped Britain was "in gramme, made clear that he it for real" where the counterinflation disciplines of the ERM were concerned.

On the question of an early try to the exchange rate cut in interest rates to prevent the recession from deepening, Monetary System in early the Governor said he favoured

Homebuyers face rise in payments

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

MORE than 3 million home-cut by a point. buyers will face higher mortthe next few weeks. They are borrowers whose mortgages are reviewed once a year. The 0.9 percentage point

increase in the mortgage rate in March did not affect their monthly payments but now they have to make up for the shortfall between March and November when mortgage rates returned to 14.5 per cent. In most cases, the increases will be small, but will dis- effect in January and Febappoint borrowers who ruary. More than 90 per cent believe the next mortgage rate of its 330,000 borrowers are move will be down.

borrowers have their pay-

ruary, a borrower with a ary. £50,000 mortgage will have to The Woolwich Building find an extra £2.22 a month. Society allows its repayment

Leeds Permanent borrowers

October. Last year, 430,000 bor-rowers missed the rise from Barclays operates each tices of increased payments in System, and base rates were £50,000 loan.

At the time, the society gage payments in 1991 unless hoped for a further cut by the there is an interest rate cut in end of the year so that its end of the year so that its borrowers could continue to pay at 13.45 per cent. Norman Turner, the head of housing services, says the society is now reviewing the payments and unless there is a cut, the society will probably have to ask customers in January to

National & Provincial sets its payments at the end of December. They come into on the annual review scheme Society, the largest lender, 1.3 £28 increase per monthly unmillion of the 1.8 million less rates change.

Nationwide Building Sociments set on February 1 but ety calculates new payments changed in April. ety calculates new payments on December 31 and informs If there is no change in the 400,000 customers on mortgage rates before Feb- annual review in mid-Janu-

The Woolwich Building customers to make changes to could face substantial in- their payments when interest creases because the society's rates rise or fall. If they do not review usually takes place in increase rates when rates rise, they will be encouraged to put

Barclays operates each an-13.45 per cent to 14.5 per cent mual review for repayment in November. This year, the customers on the anniversary society stopped sending no- of completion. A spokeswoman said that customers

THE Governor of the October. His remarks fol- a small cut initially, but only if Bank of England has lowed a deeply pessimistic the economic conditions real-

> Mr. Leigh-Pemberton said that Britain was "somewhere near" where the basic inflationary trend in the economy had been corrected. "Provided we are not too greedy in snatching the advantages that flow from that, I think we might be able to say that we will have a shallow recession out of which we have a recovery which will be soundly

> He warned against "false hopes" or "false dawns", arguing that interest rate cuts would only be possible after every economic indicator had been considered. But he underlined that Britain's entry to the ERM meant that sterling's position was all-important. "I think the exchange rate is the key indicator."

Endorsing the stance of Norman Lamont, the Chan-cellor, last week, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "I have to say that the exchange rate has assumed new position as a result of our membership of the ERM,"

"The important thing is that the market believes that we will lower interest rates... when the economy, our mone tary position, the financial position really justifies it. And that it will not be done in response to political pres-sure," he added.

The interest rate cut in October was widely seen as politically motivated. Mr Leigh-Pemberton said he had written a letter to the government expressing his views thought it "possible" that Britain had suffered by cutting interest rates the same day as it entered the ERM. He went on to say that he

felt that the interest rate cut was "premature" and that he felt that Britain was taking its dividend a little before it had been earned.

The Confederation of British Industry monthly survey was the sixth in a row to indicate deteriorating expectations about the volume of output. While 44 per cent of the respondents anticipated falling production, only 14 per cent expected a rise. The negative balance of 30

per cent is the worst since



Greetings en masse: John Clegg, whose Burgess firm made 70 million Christmas cards

THIS year John Clegg sent 70 million Christmas cards. All of them were delivered by the end of August - to the retail trade. Mr Clegg is chief executive of Wace Group, whose Burgess & Son offshoot produces one in every ten of the 700 million Christmas cards bought in this country.

He believes recession has

Gardner

expands in Spain

GARDNER Merchant, the

contract catering arm of

Trusthouse Forte, has moved into the Spanish market

through a joint venture with the Paradis Group, which

operates restaurants and has

banqueting contracts in Barce-

Gardner, the leading con-

tract caterer in Europe, operat-

employing 10,000 staff out-

side Britain - in Germany,

Holland, France, Belgium and

Ireland — is also close to completingits first entry into

the Italian market, via the

acquisition of a contract cater-

ing organisation in Northern Italy. Garry Hawkes, Gardner's

managing director, said: "We see significant potential for

contract catering services in

Europe and the establishment

of the Spanish joint venture is

an important addition to our

existing European negotia-

National Savings suffered an outflow of £94.9 million last month despite sales of £154.5

million worth of index-linked

certificates. The main repay-

ment was from fixed-interest

certificates. Investors with-

drew a total of £208.4 million,

including accrued interest, and bought only £86.5 million

When accrued interest of

£196.7 million is taken into

account, the department made

a net addition to government

funding of £101.8 million.

Income bonds and investment

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worth of certificates.

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£94m drain

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iona. It will own 51 per cent.

not affected sales. "If you turnover of about £350 milcannot afford a present, you lion this year. Analysts believe buy a bigger card," he says. it will make more than £2 "Greetings card buying is million of the group's exbecoming more popular gen-erally. Our turnover has continued to improve."

Burgess, which turns out most £17 million to a Wace £35 million in 1991.

pected £28 million profit. Wace, the pre-press printing specialist, is one of the few stars of the 1980s tipped to more than 180,000 cards an succeed in the 1990s. It is hour, should contribute al- forecast to make more than

syth. Ms Forsyth is an employee of South Audley Management, and Mr Davies a former employee. Both came forward and gave one interview with a Sunday newspaper to assert their innocence.

Mr Nadir has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

spiral started in August after he declared his intention to launch a bid for the company, only to withdraw the plan five days later. Mr Nadir was criticised by the Stock Exchange for not having taken proper professional advice.

Two weeks ago Mr Nadir him in personal bankruptcy after presenting his creditors with a list of assets to be held as security along with plans to sell them in an orderly fashion. BZW and Shearson Lehowed £22 million, gave Mr Nadir one month's grace.

So far, Mr Nadir has raised more than \$25 million from the sale of Turkish newspapers and his private bank, Impex Bank of Istanbul.

October when sterling entered who bought homes at this December 1980. In Novemthe exchange-rate mechanism time of year would be paying ber, the negative balance was of the European Monetary about £20 a month more on a 23 per cent after 17 per cent in Institutions may sue over

investments in Levitt By OUR CITY STAFF

INSTITUTIONAL investors in Levitt Group, the collapsed financial services company valued recently at £150 million, are examining the possibility of suing different parties to try to recoup their lost investment.

Four institutions, Chase Manhattan, Legal & General, Commercial Union and General Accident, each paid £7.35 million this year for 4.9 per cent stakes in Levitt.

Levitt's liquidator, KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, believes the company has less than £1 million of realisable assets compared with £10 million declared in the last balance sheet. The liquidators suggest the hole in the balance £40 million.

ering more than £7 million counts because of unsatisfaceach from Chase Manhattan, tory financial information. which published an optimistic prospectus about Levitt at about the time the American

bank bought its stake. The prospectus, which CU and GA say was the deciding factor in their investment decision, said Levitt Group would make profits of more than £13 million this year and valued the company at more than £100 million.

When CU paid £7.35 million in August, this placed a notional value of £150 million on the company and implied Roger Levitt, the founder and chairman of the group, who owned about 70 per cent, possessed a stake worth £100 million.

Figures provided by Stoy sheet may amount to almost Hayward, Levitt's accountant, 40 million. were also used in the prospec-General Accident and tus. At the end of Leviu's Commercial Union are be- financial year in June, Stoy lieved to be looking at recov- refused to sign off the acMr Levitt was declared

bankrupt at his own application last week. On Friday, he was bailed on two charges of theft totalling £665,000 and will appear in court again in

Peat Marwick has advised Levitt investors and policyholders to check directly with the insurance company named on their documentation to check its validity and if there is an inconsistency, the client should contact the liquidator.

The Serious Fraud Office and the fraud squad of the Metropolitan Police are investigating "allegations of ir-regularities" in the documentation for about 20 discretionary clients. Administrators were ap-

pointed to Levitt Insurance Brokers on Friday.

Allied Partnership may take on Speedlink role

ALLIED Partnership, the dis- Speedlink service. He still tribution and plant hire group, believes in Speedlink's aim, to Speedlink, its loss-making, low-volume freight service.

British Rail decided to close Speedlink after incurring losses of £30 million on turnover Rail," he said. of £45 million in the past financial year. ing 1,200 contracts and

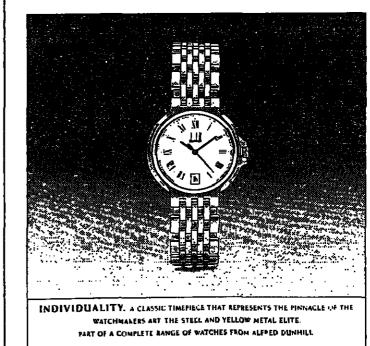
But Martyn Rose, chief executive of Allied Partnership, who is unconcerned by to take over part of the of freight back on the roads.

hopes to fill the gap left by offer small businesses a rail British Rail's decision to close alternative to road transport. "We aim to be the first timetabled freight service in the UK to be run by a private carrier rather than by British Allied is already involved in

rail freight through Tiger-Rail, its wagon owner and operating subsidiary.

Speedlink's closure threatthe size of the losses, is in talks ens to out 1.5 million tonnes

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Power drained by investor costs will not know who their shareholders way their companies have been sold off

THE massive public response to the electricity distributors' flotation has landed the 12 companies with unexpectedly heavy costs in keeping their new shareholders in the know.

When the companies report their interim figures, in the middle of next month, they will be required by the International Stock Exchange to take expensive advertising space in at least two national newspapers to report the

This is because the registrars will not finish processing the new shareholders' list until at least February. So when the

Advisers to the companies say they have ended up with around twice as many shareholders as they had expected. The final figures are not yet available, but the shareholder lists are likely to range from about 500,000, in the case of the smaller companies such as South Wales, to more than 1 million for the huge concerns such as Eastern and Southern.

Because the allocations in many cases have been so small, a larger proportion than expected of the new investors are likely to remain on the list rather than sell out, taking their minimal profits, and 12 companies report figures for the six this will mean heavier than expected

by the government. Many directors feel the advertising campaign, featuring an assortment of horror cartoon characters, was cheap and demeaning, and aimed squarely at the unsophisticated investor. They have therefore been left with the logistical nightmare of servicing a huge

and ignorant shareholder base, locked in by the incentives on offer from the government. At least one chairman, Bill Nicol of South Western, has already made his feelings clear to his staff. A corporate video features him in a balloon answer-

ing questions on the flotation, accompanied by Frank N Stein, the character featured in the advertising campaign. At the end of the video, Frank is heaved

AT&T bucks the trend with merger strategy

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE \$6.1 billion hostile bid, formally rejected this weekend, by American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) for NCR, the American computer manufacturer, has reopened the debate about the conversence of computing and telecommunications,

Although the technologies are increasingly interdependent, there is little evidence that engineers and marketing departments need to be in a single corporation to make the most of the opportunities.

While other companies have focused on core businesses in the 1980s, AT&T seems determined a merger will benefit its ailing combenefits across the board.

The strategy is not new. The NCR bid comes little more than a year after AT&T made its first significant UK acquisition in the shape of Istel, the computer software and systems house spun off in a management buyout by the BL vehicle group. At a stroke, the deal quadrupled the scale of AT&T's UK operations.

AT&T's ambitions for its new arm are not small. With sales in 1989 of £109 million, AT&T Istel is already among Britain's market leaders in the provision of computer networking systems, software solutions and facilities management.

Rover Group, now part of British Aerospace, is still its biggest client.

puter arm and allow it to realise Istel's links between dealers and car plants carry information ranging from new car and spares orders to accounting. In addition, the com-. pany provides software for comput-. erised manufacturing systems.

Istel has also achieved striking success in the travel industry, where its networks enable high street travel agents to check availability and make bookings. There are 270 data networks that span applications from financial services to distribution of electrical goods.

It is this sort of interaction between computers and telecoms that AT&T believes offers huge commercial opportunities. John Leighfield, executive chairman of AT&T Istel, says his brief is to take

Europe to the top dozen within five years. He is looking for acquisitions. partnerships and organic growth.

Istel has already absorbed Cornet. AT&T's nascent UK computerised message service. The most significant benefit to the UK operation has been the injection of money and know-how. As a management buyout, Istel was never cash-rich. Now it can tap AT&T's resources.

AT&T technicians from Bell Laboratories have been sent to Britain to help develop new value-added services, and to work on applications architecture. The work could never have been funded by Istel

But larger benefits should even-

telecoms and computer hardware, is dominated by global companies. Introducing their account managers to the services Istel can offer is expected by Mr Leighfield to lead to a sharp increase in its business.

• NCR investors will this week urge the management to meet AT&T to negotiate an acquisition price. Many are expected to accept the AT&T terms unless NCR can come up with a restructuring package or find a rival bidder. AT&T says it remains determined to carry out the deal, but would prefer to settle on friendly terms. NCR has demanded a \$125a-share price for negotiations, compared with the \$90 tendered by

Reduced **SecPac** debt rating 'unjustified'

was "unjustified".

Security. Pacific estimated last week that it would incur a loss of \$320 million to \$360 million in the fourth quarter, but still expected to earn between \$160 million and \$200 million for all of 1990. The company, which plans to take a charge of \$200 million to cover the costs of disbanding the merchant bank, said the fourth-quarter loan loss provision would be increased to about \$600 million and that it would add \$50 million to its provision for disposing of property. S&P responded by

AA minus. Analysts fear that it might need higher loan loss provisions and restructuring charges. Some analysts have lowered their 1991 earnings

subsidiaries, to single-A from

By OUR CITY STAFF

ROBERT Smith, president and chief executive of Security Pacific, claims the decision by Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, to cut the bank's debt ratings last week

Mr Smith said: "The announcements we made earlier this week to strengthen our profitable core businesses increase our reserves for credit losses and disband our merchant bank will result in substantially stronger and more consistent future profit-

downgrading the group's senior debt, and that of several

estimates.

One analyst said the restructuring charge may not be enough because the assets being sold or liquidated are in countries with weak markets.

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tatistics are irrelevant; SERM rules. No matter how severe the recession, base rates will not be cut until the pound's position in the exchange-rate mechanism justifies it.

That was the message from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, last week. He may well turn out to be the bogey man in Mrs Thatch-er's worst nightmare— where ERM takes control of base rates away from the government. If ERM had not already done that, Mr Lamont handed it over on a platter last week. Of course Mr Lamont did

not really mean what he said. He was merely attemnting to "talk up the pound" as he has seen his predecessors do so successfully. But he went too far and has talked himself into a corner. He cannot now cut rates while the pound languishes below its central rate, because that will lose him credibility. But neither will the pound rise, as investors know he will surely cut rates if it does.

This was a terrible mistake. If the government had cut rates and justified this in terms of the success of policies to bear down on inflation, then the restoration of confidence and expectation of capital gains would have led to a rise in the pound. Instead, any rate cut could now send the pound spinning downwards.

The Bank of England has to take some of the blame for this turn of events. Entry into the ERM and the departure of Mrs Thatcher has increased the Bank's role in policy making. And it seems to want every piece of the jigsaw in place before rates are cut.

he danger is that, just as rates were raised too slowly as the problems became apparent in 1988, they will now be cut too slowly. The postponement of base rate cuts has affected the short end of the market, but is less relevant. for the long end. Indeed, the longer base rates remain high, the deeper the likely

tractive long-dated gilts

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become. Some writers in this column have argued that gilts look expensive relative to other European bonds. Certainly spreads look narrow. On the other hand, the spread against American bonds, where a recession is also under way and where the dollar has also been performing badly, has been maintained. Does ERM membership make comparisons with continental Europe more valid?

hat matters here is risk. If the pound were truly fixed against continental currencies, fund managers could choose with equanimity between different bonds. But that is not the case yet and British fund managers have to maintain their sterling portfolios to match liabilities. Thus their choice is constrained. They cannot aiways choose between sterling and other currencies: sometimes they are choosing between different types of sterling assets, ie. bonds or equities.

Graphs of the yield difference between equities and gilts suggest that equities look cheap compared with their performance in the Seventies and Eighties. However, equities are not cheap compared with the Fifties and Sixties. The one major difference between these periods is inflation. membership may ERM bring a return to a much lower inflation environment. Indeed, ERM will probably bring lower inflation via a period of low growth even worse for equities.

Thus we can see gilts continuing to perform well even though base rates remain high and even though the pound languishes below its central rate inside the ERM. The economic picture presents a much bigger problem for the Conservatives than for the gilt-edged market.

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Trump set to pay \$34.4m on casino junk bonds

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

DONALD Trump, the Ameri- casino can be forced into can property and casino bankruptcy. businessman, is expected to pay \$34.4 million to holders of almost lost the Taj Mahal, junk bonds on two of his which has been described as

was payable on Saturday but periods. gained an extension because the deadline was at the

The prospect of payment on time represents a sharp turn-\$2 billion empire had to be rescued by almost 70 bankers this summer.

As a result of the \$65 nickel-and-dime gamblers million rescue package, which needed to generate the money reduced some of the rates of to pay bond holders. interest and suspended other payments, the Trump Org- earlier this year by Marvin anisation is believed to be Roffman, a casino analyst for sitting on millions of dollars.

Mr Trump's financial troubles were triggered by a failure Philadelphia stockbrokers to pay \$43 million in interest after saying that the Taj Mahal payments to bond holders of would not generate enough

the Trump Castle. If Mr Trump fails to pay the period of grace before the than \$1 million.

Last month, Mr Trump the most glitzy of his three About \$16 million is due on casinos, when he failed to pay \$250 million worth of junk \$47.3 million due on \$675 bonds sold to finance the million worth of junk bonds. Trump Plaza casino in At- A deal struck with the bond lantic City, New Jersey, and holders gave them 30 per cent \$18.4 million is expected for of the casino's equity in holders of bonds on the exchange for concessions on Trump Castle casino, which interest rates and repayment

New Jersey casino regulators, who had been examining the deal and the casino's finances, and with the power to revoke its gaming licence, around for Mr Trump, whose approved the Taj Mahal agreement on Friday.

Cash dried up after the recession frightened off the The problem was forecast

12 years. He was dismissed from a

cash to pay its debts. Mr Roffman is suing Mi Trump Castle holders this Trump for compensation and time, he will have a ten-day punitive damages of more

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million on hotel acquisitions in England. Reid's is the biggest part of the Blandy business, which also includes a travel agency, a shipping agency, a Lloyd's agency and orchid culture. The hotel in Funchal accounts

Reid's, which celebrates its centenary next year, has just

worst Yuletide for years.

has cost a lot of money."

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the Savoy group's approach to for about a quarter of the hotel keeping, is putting to- cial performance of the business and the Madeira gether a Blandy group of Blandy hotel interests.
wine for less than a tenth. quality hotels. There have The Madeira tourist trade been two acquisitions so far.

closure for refurbishment and built in 1817 at Warminster in westwards.

was the 14th century Corswold hotel, Charingworth Manor, private business, met the cost has 19 bedrooms and may also from its own resources, as it have cost approaching £4

There are no more hotel acquisitions in the pipeline. nd additional bedrooms. Mr Blandy said: "The timing Mr Blandy, an admirer of is not yet right." He is pleased at the finan-

American store price war Britain tots up almost £22bn of alcoholic drinks in 1990

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GIVEN a reasonably merry Christmas, spending on alcoholic drink by the British in 1990 will be almost £22 billion. The figure represents a rise of 10 per cent in seven years in real terms, according to Verdict Research, whose survey on off-licences, published today, estimates that more than a quarter, worth £5.4 billion, was consumed in

customers' own homes. The report confirms that Britons are buying much more fend their position, the of their take-home drink from researchers believe. This the supermarket chains. J "flawed strategy", under Sainsbury and Tesco emerge which the off-licences were

have captured 47 per cent of the take-home trade. Verdict believes the big drinks groups, such as Whit-bread, Allied-Lyons, Bass and Seagram, which own six of the seven biggest off-licence to blame for losing a large

They have neglected to use their financial power to dealcohol with 7.9 per cent of the convenient method of selling market apiece. Altogether the parent company products

grocery market is estimated to under uncompetitive conditions", has left the specialists, who once dominated the market, with only 42 per cent. Recent increased invest-

ment in chains such as Threshers and Victoria Wine should ensure that market chains, have only themselves share stabilises, says Verdict, which forecasts a further 49 per cent rise in consumer spending on take-home drinks by 1994 to £7.4 billion, assuming annual inflation of 5 per

CERL Verdict predicts a slump in champagne sales this year. It blames dramatic price inas the two biggest retailers of used as "little more than a creases triggered by sales growth meeting supply

US brokers face results-linked pay

being asked to take more of their pay in performance-related IOUs than cash next year (Philip Robinson writes). Thin trading and vanishing

profits mean the cash bonuses of most Wall Streeters will shrink by between 30 and 50 per cent this year. At least three investment banks are thinking of changing the way staff are paid and motivated over the next five years.

Shearson Lehman Brothers is considering turning the clock back at least six years and restructuring the Ameriinto a quasi-partnership with depending on how mu "phantom equity". This mission they bring.

BROKERS on Wali Street are would be created by removing 10 per cent of the bonus of about 80 top executives in the first year, and 20 per cent in future years, to invest in a pool whose return would be based on Lehman's performance.

Merrill Lynch, the largest American broker, with 10,500 salesmen, will begin to motivate loyalty among its registered representatives by offering a \$100,000 bonus after ten years' service.

Up to that time, brokers who join the firm will be paid a basic as low as \$20,000 and a can Express-owned broker bonus every four months depending on how much com-

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, p.l.c.

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Friday, 4th January. 1991 for the preparation of the half-yearly dividend payable on the SECOND PREFERENCE SHARES for the six months ending 31st January, 1991. The dividend will be paid on 1st

For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Banks Pic, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6DA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 4th Jammary, 1991.

By Order of the Board J.A. CUNLIFFE COMPANY SECRETARY

Shell Centre London, SEI 7NA. 17th December, 1990

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor Company (U.S.) on 11 October 1990 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after 17 DECEMBER 1990.

Gross Distribution per unit Less 15% USA Withholding Tax

3.7500 cents 0.5625 cents 3.1875 cents £0.01647286

100 Fetter Lane

Claims should be lodged with the DEPOSITARY: National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, Third Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2, on special forms obtainable from that Office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in the appropriate square on the reverse of the certificate. All other claimants must complete the special form and

present this at the above address together with the certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications cannot be accepted. DATE: 17 DECEMBER 1990

FOR ALL the column inches has put it, "For ecu investors, expended on the pros and essentially the ecu bond marcons of the European currency ket should be regarded as the unit (ecu), events unfolding in currency of EC inflation the capital markets, far away from the gaze of many pol-

bearing on the debate. In an otherwise lacklustre markets, 1990 will be remem- of the running in the ecu of age. Not as a currency of issues this year by the governtrade, but as a mature sector of ments of those two countries the international capital markets. Investment in ecu bonds is now a truly international phenomenon, with strong and growing demand in Japan and

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convergence, and effectively a high-yielding Deutschmark." So far, it has been mainly

timately have far more the French and the Italians, with their greater poltical commitments to monetary 12 months for the bond union, who have made most bered as the year the ecu came sector. In particular, sovereign have provided the liquid benchmarks that the market needed.

German issuers, so far, have been unenthusiastic about the ecu, with scarcely a single German issue featuring ket to investors are clear. Ecu among the list of the 60 or so truly liquid outstanding ecu once UK companies feel issues. With Deutschmark comfortable about raising ecu yields well below those of the capital, ecu billing for traded ecu, that is not really

attractions are considerable.

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list of the liquid 60. That will change next year, when the first ecu gilt marks the arrival of Britain as a serious ecu player. But do not expect a flood of corporate ecu bonds in its wake. The market is dominated by

sovereign and supranational issues, with only the highestrated and most well-known names likely to see any trading in their bonds. Of the 50 liquid issues that are rated, only two, both by the New Zealand government, are rated below

But if the speed of development of the ecu market in 1990 is matched next year, a thriving, liquid corporate sector cannot be far behind. And goods will surely follow in its wake. Forex dealers beware,

For UK issuers, though, the your days may be numbered. JONATHAN PRYNN

Mortgage Rate Change

AIB Bank announces that its Home Mortgage Rate will change to 14.6% with effect from close of business on 17th December 1990. APR 15.7%.



Bankcentre-Britain, Belmont Road, Uxbridge Middlesex UBS 1SA. Telephone (0895) 72222 And brenches throughout the country.

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A taste of expansion: Richard Blandy, chairman, has bought two more hotels Blandy builds on hotels BLANDY Brothers, best expansion. Richard Blandy, Wiltshire, which offers eleknown as a leading shipper of chairman of Blandy Brothers, gance and country pursuits. It Madeira wine for nearly 200 and the sixth generation of the is estimated to have cost more than £4 million. years, is expanding its hotel family to run the business, empire, founded on the legwould not disclose the bill for The most recent purchase endary Reid's Hotel in Ma- the remodelling but said: "It deira's capital. The company has already spent about £8

Blandy's, still very much a near Chipping Camden, which

has with its other hotel ac- million. quisitions. The expansion gives Reid's four restaurants

een two acquisitions so far. has benefited this year from the first was Bishopstrow the troubles in the Middle East

reopened after a three-month House, a 32 bedroom hotel which have driven tourists

in drive to lift flat sales

From Our Correspondent in New York of Christmas shopping are offering unprecedented dis-counts and incentives to avert Roebuck, the largest retailer in what many fear will be their America, is holding its "After Christmas Sale" before Christmas, and Macy's, the debt-Shopping started slowly in burdened department store,

what is regarded as the 30-day buying period, and despite large crowds, leading retailers has taken full-page advertisements in newspapers and magazines to assure everyreport flat sales so far in the body that it is not going into three-months ending in January that usually accounts for bankruptcy. Habitat is cutting 30 per cent from prices, tailors have between a half and three quarters of profits. slashed 50 per cent from suits, One executive said: "The and electrical retailers 60 per cent from televisions and

shops are full, but no one is spending." As the season started at the end of Novemstereos; some offer zero interest with no down payment ber, only half the 1,262 retailers surveyed by Deloitte & Touche expected to show and no payment until March, and furriers say they are facing gains. In a consumer survey a slump. last week by Leo J Shapiro & One men's shop is staging a buy-one-get-one-free offer on Associates, 46 per cent expecshirts, jumpers and ties, and a ted to spend less on gifts this luggage company is offering the chance to win two tickets year, 29 per cent about the

AMERICAN retailers enter- tailers are pulling out all the football final or a holiday to ing the crucial last eight days stops to attract customers. A anyone who walks through the price war is raging in the \$16.8 door and fills in the comnetition form In toy town, the competition is even worse. Wall

Street analysts downgraded their 1991 and 1992 profit forecasts when Toys "R" Us, America's largest toy chain with 22 per cent of the market, cut prices on \$100 million worth of older toys and games by up to 75 per cent.
It was responding to an

attack from Child World Inc. its nearest competitor, which launched a fierce round of price cuts to generate cashflow after telling its suppliers that they would have to wait six weeks to be paid.

Against the trend, Brooks Brothers, the upmarket store owned by Marks and Spencer, is not discounting items and is running adverts saying: "The golden rule of giving? Shop for same and only 25 per cent ex-the chance to win two tickets others as you would have pected to spend more. Re-for the Super Bowl American them shop for you."

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he new government's honeymoon is all but over. ase Norman Lamont's refusal to cut interest rates before Christmas, highlighted by his

pugnacious speech in parliament on Wednesday, marked the beginning of the end. By stating without a hint of ambiguity that "there can be no question of a reduction in interest rates which is not fully justified by our position in the ERM, Mr Lamont defied the first two commandments of monetary policymaking: never make promises in public and never make unbelievable statements, even if you think they are true.

In a bizarre twist on previous monetarist dogmas, Mr Lamont is, in effect, promising to set British interest rates at whatever level is necessary to stabilise the German money supply. Does Mr Lamont really expect investors to believe that he will sacrifice the Conservative party's re-election chances to this new totem? If so, the government may have to pay dearly for his naivety.
For Mr Lamont's chances of

cutting interest rates within the ERM strait-jacket are unlikely to

Who will devalue, Lamont or Smith?

improve as the months tick by. On the contrary, the conflict between Britain's domestic economic needs and the disciplines of the ERM will grow steadily

The certainty of declining inflation next year is already fully discounted in the financial markets, but the strong possibility of many less favourable developments are not. At least six come to mind:

German interest rates are very likely to rise within the next month or two. The Bundesbank has made clear that it is holding off for only one reason - to give German politicians a last chance to come back to their antiinflationary senses. Of course, the Bundesbankers know that higher German rates would cause disruption in the ERM and further weaken the dollar. But this will not deter them. They would love to revalue the mark against both the dollar and other European currencies. If a jump in ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

German interest rates forces the

world to accept this, so much the ☐ If British interest rates are not

cut soon, the present recession will surely deepen and this will make the pound even weaker. It used to be thought that a recession could strengthen the currency by improving the balance of payments. But these days weak economies are almost invariably associated with weak exchange rates. This is the clearest lesson from a decade's experience of currency markets dominated by capital transactions rather than trade flows.

☐ The longer the recession lasts and the more damage is done to Britain's exporting industries by high interest and exchange rates,

the further the pound will ultimately have to fall to restore Britain's export competitiveness. The savage manufacturing recession caused by the sterling squeeze of the early Eighties was directly responsible for the deterioration of Britain's balance of payments and chronic sterling problems by the end of the decade. Mr Lamont is now proposing a second ride round

the same circuit.

By linking reductions in interest rates explicitly to sterling's performance in the ERM, the Chancellor has made it more difficult for the pound to strengthen. As soon as sterling approaches its ERM midpoint of DM2.95, it will be undermined by speculation about a cut in

interest rates. In giving speculators a target, Mr Lamont has broken another of the finance ministers' ten commandments. ☐ Worse still is the related error of pinning all the government's credibility on the exchange rate. When the inevitable devaluation comes, it will be seen as a political catastrophe and a capitulation in the fight against

inflation. Instead, devaluation could have been presented as a pragmatic response to changing external events or even as a mere technical adjustment. It took France six devaluations in eight years to find the parity that has been defended successfully since 1987. Why should we think that Britain hit the bull's-eye first time? Mr Lamont believes that DM2.95 "strikes the right balance" in some platonic sense between the need to bear down on inflation and maintain competitiveness. But is the

does not seem to believe the pound's present exchange rate is sustainable. If it did, 14 per cent interest rates would not be needed to stop the pound falling through its ERM floor.

This is the worst point in the electoral cycle for monetary virility tests. If interest rates are not cut soon and the recession deepens, the government's popularity will sink back gradually to the abysmal levels that undid Mrs Thatcher. Financial confidence will be undermined, sterling will weaken and cuts in interest rates will become still more risky. The government will be caught in a vicious circle, spinning ever faster as the election deadline approaches.

Is Mr Lamont tough enough to ignore these pressures? Perhaps he is, but this hardly matters from the investor's perspective. If Mr Lamont loses his nerve he will devalue sterling. If he does not, the Conservatives will lose the next election.

In either case, sterling will be devalued. The only question is whether the decision will be Treasury more omniscient than taken by Norman Lamont or the markets? The private sector

WILL history repeat itself? In 1981, Burmah Castrol made a hostile bid for Croda International but allowed it to lapse after Croda promised a hefty dividend rise, even though the City was convinced a few more pence on the original offer would have been sufficient to win the day. Now another nail-biting finale is guaranteed as Burmah waits to hear if its 300p cash offer for Foseco is high enough.

The dismay in the City was almost audible when Burmah increased its original offer by just 25p when 50p would certainly have clinched the deal. Instead, Foseco, where Tom Long is chairman, is in with a fighting chance.

To win shareholder loyalty Foseco plans to sell its construction chemicals division, as well as abrasives, and spend the proceeds buying its shares.

Valuing the businesses is difficult but analysts suggest Foseco is seeking about £150 million all told, which would release enough cash to buy in 30 million shares at 300p. At that price, non-taxpaying funds could claw back an additional 67p in ACT, and about 20 such institutions have yet to reach a decision. Metallurgical chemicals, the remaining business, would generate pre-tax profits of about £25 million and earnings per share in line with

The risk is that no offer emerges for construction chemicals at a price acceptable to Foseco, which would still be to nav f special dividends from the cash raised by the sale of abrasives. With no buy-back plan, the shares would fall to pre-

bid levels of 186p and beyond. Burmah's offer represents an exit multiple of 10.5 times forecast earnings, which is hardly generous. But waverers may find the certainty of cash hard to resist. Burmah speaks for 24.5 per cent and may have done enough to win control margins.

Anglia/ McCarthy

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TODAY'S results from Anglia Secure Homes, coming so soon after news of £10.8 million losses at rival McCarthy & Stone, should make it clear ond year of losses. that money invested in speci-

Burmah bid for Foseco may score

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Fighting chance: Tom Long, chairman of Foseco

alist builders of retirement homes is unlikely to show much return for some time. The problem is not merely

the timing of a recovery in the housing market. One can see that coming if one looks far enough ahead. But the recovery in the specialist retirement homes sector looks so far off and is likely to come so slowly but by the narrowest of that shareholders will be better off investing elsewhere.

On Friday, shares in Mc-Carthy & Stone shed lp to 33p, despite a stated net asset value of 194p. With John McCarthy, the chairman, admitting that any marked recovery would come in 1991-92 rather than in the present year, dealers can see no further than their forecasts of a sec-

its rival, having reported pretax losses of £4.45 million last time around and likely to do even worse this year, despite the support of the Commercial

Union. Last year, the £8 million provision Anglia made on its land bank sent alarm bells ringing throughout the housebuilding sector. Today, attention will be paid to what further provisions the board ing a prospective feels are required 12 months price/earnings multiple of

made by McCarthy. Both companies are taking the right remedial action. Mc-Carthy has laid off more than 1,300 employees in the past 15 months. The problem is that while conventional house-Anglia is one step ahead of turnover by selling more wicke. Buy on weakness.

houses at lower prices, the retirement specialists have to watch sales dwindling away. When one has spent an adult lifetime progressing from firsttime buyer to last-time seller, one is in no hurry to sell.

Despite continuing losses, on long-term fundamentals the shares must be a buy if only because Britain's elderly population is becoming much larger. But today they look ideally suited for the patient.

MTM

THERE is never a good time to lose a successful managing director, and David Fyfe's decision to leave MTM might easily have undermined founder chairman Richard Lines' attempts to rebuild confidence in the wake of its ambitious £59 million purchase of Hardwicke Chemical

It is as well that Mr Fyfe's departure is accompanied by details of a restructuring that introduces three faces to the boardroom, including former Staley executive Jim Friederichsen, who will run the American operations.

On balance the changes amount to the kind of strengthening that it has been looking for. Admirers of MTM's dashing, entrepren-eurial style of the Eighties have needed convincing that the Hardwicke deal would not over-extend the management...

As a result, MTM has seen its shares languish at a discount to its sector, when its fundamentals argue for a premium. Its brand of special chemicals for the pharmacenticals and fertilisers industries is proving immune to

Mr Fvfe's departure, when the market has yet to recover from its bout of post-rights issue indigestion, could lead to further temporary weakness in the share price. But near 20 per cent growth in earnings is expected this year, with no help from Hardwicke, indicatlater, especially in the light of about 7.5 at 147p. And Hard-the very modest adjustment wicke will contribute positively to eps in 1991, when MTM should make £24 mil-

lion pre-tax. Sentiment meanwhile should be helped by an imminent bullish note from one respected analyst said to be builders hope to maintain impressed by a visit to Hard-

Triple air venture in doubt

SIR Leon Brittan, European competition commissioner, has intensified contacts with Belgium and the Netherlands funding to prop up shipbuildnational airlines, in the hope of breaking the deadlock over the creation of Sabena World Airlines, a triple venture with

British Airways. Sir Leon told Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian transport minister, and Yvonne Van Rooy, Dutch secretary for economic affairs, that other competing carriers must be given their fair share of flights to and from Brussels and Amsterdam airports before the commission would auth-

BA was apparently excluded from the latest negotiations because it is not state-owned. although contact has continued with the commission. BA is still, however, refusing to negotiate. Brussels says, and its commitment to the venture appears to be waning.

The deadline for confirmation of the three-way deal is the end of the month and there is speculation that BA may be using the commission's objections to allow SWA to lapse. ☐ THE level of government EC NOTEBOOK

over Sabena and KLM, their ing has been cut radically in order to bring European shipyards closer in line with their rivals, mainly Japan and South Korea. From January, EC states may pay shipyards only 13 per cent of the value of

orise the new venture.

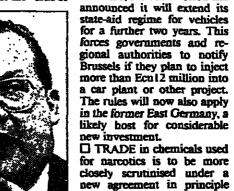
Dehaene: fair shares

a contract for large vessels, as against 20 per cent. Smaller ships costing Eculo million (£143,000) or less to produce may receive just 9 per cent.

The cost-cutting could be exacerbated by softer rules for export or import ban on shipyards in the former East suspicious cargoes and would

closer to western standards of competition.

☐ CONTINUING its determination to stop countries outbidding each other to attract investment from foreign car firms, the commission has



new agreement in principle between EC governments. They will now be required

to pass laws obliging importers, manufacturers and distributers of 12 potentially lethal base substances to keep more

detailed files. Governments could slap an

sive penalties. The rules would be even stiffer if EC Germany until they come states were not so anxious to avoid interfering with the legal trading of such products.

□ NEW European firearms regulations that set common rules for shooters and their weapons have been provisionally agreed. A national firearms permit would still suffice if the owner wanted to go shooting abroad, but he could eventually be issued with a European firearms card too.

Gunsmiths would have to keep a detailed register of all weapons and ammunition bought and sold. The purchaser would have to be aged over 18 and healthy in mind and body. Governments must list which weapons are strictly banned for public use and lay down strict conditions for the use of other categories of firearm. There are fears, however, that rules obliging Europe's 12 police forces to keep in touch over the movement of all private weapons across borders could lead to severe clogging of police files.

PETER GUILFORD

A STRONG FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Extract from the Chairman's interim statement.

*This important first half year has been a successful one for Welsh Water. A sound income base and effective control of operating costs have been combined to produce a strong financial performance.

'Investment is now being undertaken at approximately double the rate of two

"Welsh Water has adapted well to life as a publicly quoted company. The management team is running the core business in a manner which brings improvements to customer service, water quality standards, the environment and for shareholders."

John Elfed Jones CBE DL, Chairman.

Unaudited Interim Results for the Half Year to 30th September 1990

Turnover up 13 per cent to £146

Profit before tax up 20 per cent on 1989 pro forma to £72.7 million.

Interim dividend of 6.5 pence per share (net), an increase on the notional 1989 interim dividend of 16.3 per cent.

Satisfactory progress made on the capital investment programme.

Continuing pursuit of group strategy of developing non-core business.

Copies of this statement are being sent to shareholders. Copies are also available from the Company Secretary, Welsh Water PLC, Plas y Ffynnon, Cambrian Way, Brecon, Powys LD3 7HP.



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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

London forms a vital part. He View from crossed out 'part' and wrote in

Merrill Christmas OF THE 23 Laing & Cruick-shank salesmen and analysis ANYONE who thinks that stockbrokers, like policemen, who departed on Friday, only are becoming younger and younger these days, would have had a shock if they had 22 were actually made redundant by the broking house. The odd man out was Tony walked into the Ropemaker Herbert, aged 52, a one-time Place offices of the American partner of Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, who, after 26 securities house Merrill Lynch yesterday. For during the day years with the firm, has deabout 400 special guests were cided to take early retirement. to be found sitting at the firm's The remaining 22 were told of countless dealing desks, talking animatedly on the teletheir fate at a mass meeting on Friday morning, with chief phone. But there was not a executive Michael Kerr-Jason Donovan haircut or a



pair of Wall Street braces to be seen. They were all old age "Crédit Lyonnais' thinking is pensioners. The idea, dreamt far more European than most up by Merrill Lynch chairman British firms and we are here Bill Schreyer and put into to stay." He added that the operation many years ago in redundancies had been ap-New York, is to invite selected proved at a meeting in Paris pensioners into its offices and with Crédit Lyonnais presito permit them up to half an dent Jean-Yves Haberer the previous day. "I handed him a hour each on the telephone, statement for approval which calling anywhere in the world that they choose. "This was

Spiegelberg, who helped escort the old folk to their allotted telephones. "Each year we offer this service to about 10,000 senior citizens world wide, usually on the Sunday before Christmas, and the cost is small compared to the pleasure it gives them. We work through suitable charities to find the right people, we provide transport to and

from our offices and we give them a glass of sherry, something to eat and a little present from Father Christmas before they leave. ANY husband wondering what to buy his wife for Christmas should perhaps take note of a sign in a bank in New York:

Give her money. It's always the right size." Look behind you

GERALD Ronson, who used up many favours before his

sentencing in the Guinness trial, when high ranking City men gave glowing character references, has been using up more now he is behind bars in Ford Prison. He has been persuading friends to supply him with Arabian costumes and props. But all have met the approval of the prison authorities as they are for a pantomime by the inmates for handicapped children, with three performances today and tomorrow. The cast does not include Ronson, Ernest Sann-

ders or Anthony Parnes. The

London," says Richard title of the panto? Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. Not a-muse-d A NEW award is being dream:

up for next year's annual prats' dinner - an abbreviation for pharmaceutical research analyst teenage scribblers - after this year's event in a Stepney Chinese restaurant. The traditional prizes of a wooden spoon and a brick were presented by Andrew Hitchin, guest speaker and a fund manager and pharmaceutical specialist at Commercial Union. The spoon went to BZW's pharmaceutical team for a Wellcome buy circular and the brick to Robin Gilbert, of James Capel, for a wrong Glaxo recommenda-

tion. And although he will have a year to wait, the recipient of next year's new prize is already known - Steve Plag, who recently left BZW and is due, shortly, to arrive at County NatWest. As a former member of BZW's top-ranked team, he was chosen as the victim for a surprise strip-ogram. But before the scantily clad woman had finished reading her introductory poem. Plag gallantly tried to buy her off, by offering her £50. "We then paid her £100 to carry on," says another analyst who was present, "but by that time Plag had disappeared out of the door. She

gave us our money back." CAROL LEONARD

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German deficit fears grow as tax shake-up nears

EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE uncertainty over the German budget deficit, expected to run to more than DM150 billion next year, is likely to increase as the country prepares itself for a largescale reform of its unwieldy system of corporate taxation.

Corporate tax reform has emerged as the main issue in the present condition talks between Chancellor Helmut. Kohl's Christian Democratic Party and the liberal Free Democrats, headed by Count Otto Lambsdorff, a staunch supporter of the free market.

The FDP has succeeded in its claims to press home the need for a substantial revision of the corporate tax system, although it is believed to have given up on its original de-mand to introduce a 40 per cent maximum tax rate in the former East German regions, down from 50 per cent, in order to provide investment

incentives. Herr Kohl and Theo Waigel, his finance minister, rejected this claim on the grounds that one cannot operate two different tax systems

But the two parties have now agreed in principle to scrap a controversial set of corporate taxes that are unrelated to a company's earnings. The reform would be introduced in the eastern parts of Germany, but since this imbalance is unlikely to be sustainable for long, it would probably force the rest of the country to fall in line, probably within the next three

At present, German companies pay six types of corporate taxes. Direct income amounts to only a 30 per cent proportion of total corporate

By OUR CITY STAFF

buzz phrase in the Nineties for

stores groups and those retail-

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Warburg Securities.

according to a report from SG adds.



Count Otto Lambsdorff: staunch free marketeer

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The winners will be Marks chemists, but the report says from experimenting with pric-

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'Retail engineers' reap rewards

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Warburg says the "retail greatest potential gains from sales floor, and fewer manual

Dr Helmut Kaiser, an economist at Deutsche Bank, is sceptical about the govern-

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ment's determination to bring top income tax rate for individuals and companies down from 50 per cent to 40 per cent. "I would argue that we urgently require an income tax reform in the light of 1992 and the growing competition in international capital markets, but I am sceptical whether this will happen," he

certainty over whether Germ-

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below estimates because of the

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Already it is apparent that

Despite the political pressure from the FDP, the budget deficit is likely to limit room

for manoeuvre. The revenue situation is exacerbated by a recent decision of the country's constitutional court to force the povernment to increase individual tax free allowances, which will set back revenues by DM15 billion.

With tax revenues falling and spending rising, it is likely that the Bundesbank will continue to follow a tight monetary policy. An indication of that was given last week, when the Bundesbank set a tough monetary target for M3, the broad money supply indicator, of between 4 per cent and 6 per cent. It will also mean that market interest rates, currently at just under 9

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Tobacco firms look eastwards for growth

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EASTERN European smokers are helping to breathe new life into the prospects of western cigarette manufacturers.

The desire for cheap, easily available western status symbols in hitherto communist World has reportedly led BAT Industries to describe its business outlook as the best for many years.

Despite anti-smoking campaigns focusing on health risks in most developed countries, world cigarette consumption is still rising, says a survey today from Euromonitor. That is partly because western manufacturers have been targeting Third World consumers to compensate for stagnant or declining sales elsewhere.

However, the opening up of w opportunities in the Far East and Eastern Europe gives the leading companies scope to expand sales dramatically. China alone accounts for almost a third of world sales. The Chinese market is gradually being opened to brands produced by western

BAT sold 16 billion cigarettes there last year, equal to 17 per cent of its United Kingdom sales. Japan, Korea and Taiwan are also opening their previously protected

But the biggest switch is expected in Eastern Europe. In year, western brands have taken half of the market in the former East Germany.

Soviet authorities have responded to a "cigarette famine", earlier this year, when shortages aimost triggered riots on the streets of Moscow. by signing contracts with RI Reynolds and Philip Morris, the American manufacturers, to supply 35 billion cigarettes over the next 18 months.

Nyren Scott-Malden, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker said: "Globally, the market has been pretty near static. What we are seeing, effectively, is the opening up of new markets for western cigarette companies."

Euromonitor predicts that consumption per head in the developed world is likely to continue its decline. In America, West Germany, Britain, Italy and France, sales per head peaked in 1985 and have been falling ever since.

In volume terms, only France showed any significant growth as more women took forecast for next year

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Analysts await NFC's

erty group reports its full-year average yield. profits tomorrow. But it is not so much the results that analysts will be looking at because the group has already given its best view of the year to end-September, a rise to £95 million from £90.2 million in the previous year. With NFC's exposure to the

sterling-dollar exchange rate, the domestic property market through its removals business expected to help raise margins and fluctuating oil prices, the during the next few years. City will be looking closely at the forecast for next year.

NFC is unusual among companies in giving a firm forecast for its coming year rather than just the traditional broad statement on general prospects. A 10 per cent rise in the dividend for 1990 to 5.5p is expected.

Looking into the mediumterm, analysis hope to reaffirm their conviction that NFC has built up a resilient portfolio of transport-related

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that it has lower income from cash on deposit and has made few moves so far outside the core water supply business.

Half-year pre-tax profits are estimated to grow by about 5 a small increase in the interim per cent to £46.5 million from which the directors will dividend from 5.01p to 5.6p.

THE NFC transport and propleaving the group on an above-

Gestetner, the office equipment group where Basil Sellers is chairman, should report a in jump in pre-tax profits from £36.2 million to £51 million for the year to end-October and a rise in the dividend from 7.02p to 8.2p. Analysts will be looking for signs of progress at the Nashua Office Systems acquisition which is

Interims: Brasway, Mosiac Invest-ments, Quiligotti, Southern Water, Worthington (AJ) (Holdings).

Finals: Circaprint Holdings, Electronic Data Processing, Genesis Chile Fund, Gestetner Holdings,

TOMORROW

Wessex Water is expected by some brokers to report a fall in pre-tax profits from £30.5 million to £25 million. Investinants are draining Wessex's cash resources but a small rise in the half-year dividend, from 5.07p to 5.8p, is looked for.

The Triplex Lloyd engineering sales and orders (October), provisional figures of vehicle production (November), London and Scottish banks' monthly statement the group, exposed to both

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Southern Water stands out ing group is likely to fall from among the water companies in £5.1 million in the half-year to The group, exposed to both the building and the car industries, is expected to make

dividend from 2.5p to 2.75p. United Scientific Holdings recommend a rise in the is thought likely to make £3 million for the year to end-This would point to a rise of September compared with a 11 per cent for the full year, £3.4 million loss in the preless than the industry average vious year and a £10 million of about 13 per cent but still profit in 1988.

becoming increasingly hostile. An unchanged total dividend of 2p is expected.

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THURSDAY

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Interims: Abtrust Scotland Invest-ment Co, Forminster, Tumbuli Scott Holdings, Waterglade International Holdings. Finals: Kelsey Industries. Economic Statistics: Capital ex-penditure and stocks (third quarter—revised), cyclical indicators for the economy (UK), balance of pay-ments, current account and over-seas trade figures (November), building societies' monthly figures (November).



Expected to top £51 million: Gestetner's Basil Sellers (left), chairman, BrianCopsey (centre), finance director, and Greg Melgaard, deputy chairman

SMALLER COMPANIES

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Independent hospitals mean welcome tonic for Serco's prospects

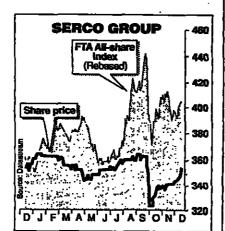
APPROVAL for 56 hospitals seeking to become self-governing trusts from next April has confirmed John Major's commitment to introduce the commercial principles of the private sector into the Health Service.

Hospitals will be able to set their own pay rates and borrow from the private sector. The changes are expected to intensify the campaign to transfer a large proportion of the health sector's support services to outside contractors.

One of the companies likely to play a leading role in this field is the Serco Group, the quoted task management contractor that has a substantial record of providing services to governmentfunded establishments. Serco takes over support services, leaving clients free to concentrate on core business. British Aerospace and Marks and Spencer are among Serco's corporate clients but much of its business is in the public sector, including the Ministry of Defence, which accounts for almost half group turnover, and the Property Ser-

Serco is relatively new to the NHS, having secured its first contract with the West Middlesex University Hospital. But Richard White, group managing director, believes the experience will help the company gain a substantial share of other contracts.

A significant difference between Serco and other outside contractors is that it normally seeks to become the employer of all support staff instead of being limited to just one or two areas such as cleaning or catering. Authorities benefit



because they deal with a single company. Experience has shown that where two or more companies are involved new demarcations lines are drawn, replacing those which existed between unions and which resulted in inefficiencies in dayto-day operations. Mr White believes staff benefit because they are able to do a variety of jobs. For example, at British Aerospace the fire-fighting staff were trained in security.

The company, which came to the stock market in 1988 after a management buyout, reported pre-tax profits last year of £3.61 million, up from £3 million if a £700,000 pension surplus is excluded. For the current year to the end of December Jeremy Allen, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, is anticipating taxable profits of £4.3 million, rising to £5

Norfolk forecasts cut

NORFOLK House, the petrol station operator and developer, is exposed to both property and oil prices, two sectors unlikely to inspire much confidence during an economic slump and with the prospect of war in the Gulf. So it is no surprise that the company's shares have underperformed the market by about 30 per cent, languishing at 133p compared with a 12-month high of 233p.

Analysts have trimmed back their forecasis for the year to end-November to take into account the difficult trading conditions. Analysts are expecting profits of about £13.5 million for the 14month period, compared with original forecasts of £17.5 million before tax. Earnings of about 21p a share would compare to last time's 21.5p.

This cautious picture compares

unfavourably with the optimistic outlook the company enjoyed following the

acquisition of Frost Group for £60

million in July, which doubled the size of

the petrol retailing operations. Norfolk House recently raised £40 million through the sale of lower-margin filling stations and roadside sites and secured a new fuel supply agreement with Shell for more than a billion litres of petrol and diesel, at a discount larger than previously obtained by either Norfolk House or Frost.

Profits from roadside development are expected to account for 65 per cent of total earnings this year, compared with 74 per cent last time.

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THE TIMES MONDAY DECEMBER 17 1990

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 10. Dealings end December 28. §Contango day December 31. Settlement day January 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (sa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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Skaardal's success is no surprise

From Brian James in Val Gardena, Italy

THE white circus has folded Again why not? For the fourth its tents for Christmas, "Those Daring Young Men On Their Flying Two Skis" departing to spend a stoic holiday running up hills to keep their downhillers' edge. When they reassemble, the star-billing over the marquee will feature fresh names among these, the high-wire men of sport.

It did not astonish that Atle Skaardal won the last race of 1990 at Val Gardena. He was travelling very fast when he fell in the opening event eight days earlier. Then, barely losing - just two-tenths of a second slower — in the pre-vious day's race he had claimed: "I have a little more

He had much more to come. He came down, in the unfavoured first place of the elite group, in an exact 2min for the 3,400 yards, with a run he exulted was "clean ... perfect". Then he stood, in his own words, "more tense than ever in the race itself" to see if anyone could get inside that time. Several men, many of whose names he would never have guessed, gave him tremors as their progress through the intermediate timingpoints was related on a giant

It was his team-mate, Arnesen, who first troubled Skaardal: for a while they Skaardal: for a while they stood one, and just barely, two on the leader board. Then a Canadian, a Frenchmen (Alphand, whose previous best was a long-ago eleventh), best was a long-ago eleventh), a Swede, a German, and an American skidded down, imperilling Skaardal's stand-

For too long, downhill skiing has been a see-saw exercise ously frank at each others's of power, pivoting on the alps, performance, and generous to with first Switzerland, then Austria rising highest. On Saturday, the first Swiss was laundry-room companion merely fourth and reporters who had finished well up. had to read to eleventh place "He's not the class. But he to find an Austrian.

The "yee-yoor" resonances of Scandanavians rejoicing were the predominant sound in the Val Gardena racers' pen. And with four Norwe gives best equipment to best gians now among the top ten of the overall, four-discipline get even better skis. These

World Cup rankings, why not? spirals can also go the same But there was also lively reaction from the fresh-faced squad of the United States: despite heavy skiboots their getting depressed. Martin Bell

successive downhill, they had placed two men among the point-scoring fifteen. "Hey! Our A. J. [A. J. Kitt] is really rolling. He's about to bust one out [ie, win a race] any day now." Bill Eagan, the coach,

Sport has losers, too. A smaller, quieter group in another corner were the British. Smaller because "Boris" got the air-rush under his skis and flown, until a crash landing that broke both skis and left him spending the weekend begging ice from hoteliers for application to a backside as blue as any baboon's. Quieter because neither of the Bell with the sort of times they

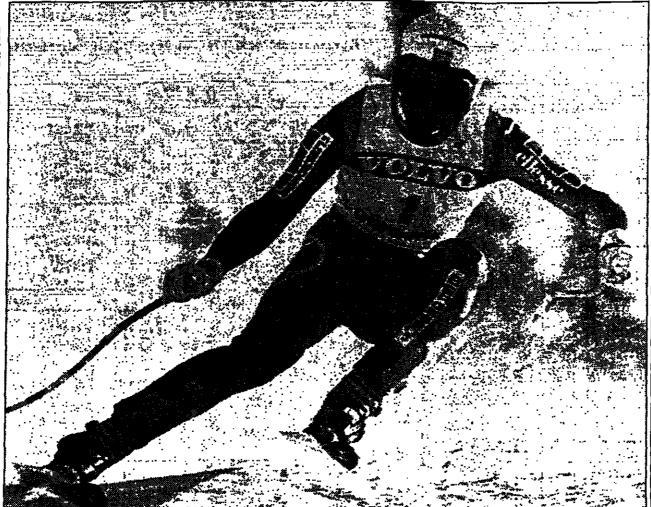
were getting at its start. Martin (54th): "This has traditionally been a good piste for the British. I got one of my best places, a tenth, here. And the race today felt exactly the same as then. I did nothing differently, felt no less sure, felt as fast. But the clock tells it different. No glaring mistakes yet three seconds adrift. Why? Literally no idea. Perhaps the video will show something."

The video was set up in the basement laundry of their hotel. Already around it were a bit wide here . . . say half a metre," Graham (47th) said. "Me. A bit untidy on this ing, to infiltrate places in the curve, not tucking well," Mar-

> The brothers are notoribetter rivals. But they were glum after watching another does have very, very fast skis. That does get to you." Their coach, Hans Anewanter, had explained: "You get in a spiral with skiing. The manufacturer skiers. So they go faster, and

What they are not doing is men were leaping and "high- again "We have never been in fiving" like basketball players. better mood, more confident,

we are fighting now."



Norwegian flier: Skaardal racing his way to a victory in Val Gardena yesterday that confirmed a new talent

and positive. We have become

Bournissen ends drought

RESULTS: 1, A Skaardal (Nor), 2min Obsec: 2, R Boyd (Can), 20028; 3, L Alphand (Fr), 200.74; 4, L Amessen (Nor), 2:00.75; 5, F Heinzer (Switz), 2:00.76; 6, W Besse (Switz), 2:00.85; 7, N Henning (Swo), 2:00.94; 8, H Zehentser (Ger), 2:00.98; 8, A J NB (US), 2:01.02; 10, D Mahrer (Switz), 2:01.27 British: 47, G Gel, 2:04.32; 54, M Bel, 2:05.35, L sanding World Cup downthill standings (after three events): 1. Henzer, S6pts, 2; Skaardal, 40; 3, Amessen, 32; equal 4, L Stock (Austria) and Zehentner, 30; 6, Boyd, 29.

• ALTA BADIA, Italy: Alberto Tomba, of Italy, won his first World Cup giant slalom race for almost three years yesterday, by 1.35sec over Urs Kaelin, of Switzer-

RESULTS: 1, A Tomba (II), 2min 28.96sec; 2, U Kaelin (Switz), 230.31, 3, M Girardell (Lusg), 238.41; 4, F Nyberg (Swe), 230.82, 6, G Mader (Austria), 231.50; 7, K Walk (Austria), 232.13, 8, S Eberharter (Austria), 232.14, 9, J Walliner (Swe), 232.21; 10, H Pierra (Switz), 232.40 Giant elatons standings (after fuc events); 1, Nyberg, 37pts, 2, Tomba, 32, 3, Kaelin, 24, 4, L Kjus (Nor), 20, 5, Nertich, 19, 6, F Piocard (Fr), 18, Overall World Cup standings: 1, Helizer, 78; 2, A Tomba (II), 72; 3, Skazirdal, 52, 4, Piocard, 46, 5, Zehentiner, 40, 6, 0 C Furuseth (Nor), 38.

MEIRINGEN, Switzerland

(AFP) - Chantal Bournissen, of Switzerland, beat Petra Kronberger here yesterday to take her first women's World Cup event for three years.

Bournissen won the supergiant stalom in a time of 1 min 20 40cm; here in a time of 1 min 2 20.40sec, beating Austria's World Cup overall leader by 0.64sec and Lucie Laroche, of Canada, by 0.92sec. The Swiss, aged 23, last won in the downhill at Val d'Isère in 1987 and had to thank her decision to use down-

said. "I have total confidence."

Kronberger was disappointed at finishing only second. She had led Saturday's super-giant race until it was called off by bad weather after just 25 women had

taken part.

but I understand the safety of the racers has to come first,"

Laroche, from Quebec, said she had been inspired in yes-terday's race by the second place of her fellow-Canadian. Rob of her tellow-canadian, root Boyd, in the men's downhill at Val Gardena on Santrday. "I told myself I could do just as well," she said. "And you only have to believe in yourself to get success." Her previous best was an eighth place at Lake Louise last season. Another Canadian, Nancy Gee, fell and seriously damaged knee ligaments and

hurt her wrist. She will be out of

The Meiringen organisers an sered competing teams by switching yesterday's race from a scheduled giant slalom to a super-giant. An American official. Paul Major, said the giant slalom would be raced another

suited to a super-giant. Friday's downhill race did not go ahead

■ TOKYO: Andre Kiesewetter won the World Cup 90-metre ski jump in Sapporo on Satarday (Reuter reports) After an initial jump of 86.5 m, Kiesewetter sailed 94.0m on his second. Dieter Thoma, of Germany, who came second with jumps of 85.0m and 84.0m on Saturday, reversed the positions in the 115-metre jump yesterday with leaps of 107.5m and 112m for a total of 201.8pts to Kiesewetter's 193.7.

RUGBY UNION

South take district title as the backs display their skills

By ALAN LORIMER

IT WAS not until the result of the match at Oxford came through that South were confirmed as the winners of this season's McEwan's inter-district championship. Yet throughout Saturday's game at Hughenden they played with the authority of champions elect to claim a prize that had eluded them for five

South's third win in this season's competition was characterised by a willingness to move the ball wide, which brought two tries for Stanger and one for Tukalo.

This change of policy by South, who in their previous matches had opted for a kicking game, allowed Chalmers to show his running skills and with their new inside centre, Nichol, showing pace and neat distribu-tion the back division operated with a refreshing efficiency.

Of course, South's freedom to run the ball stemmed from quality possession from the forwards with Jeffrey and Mar-shall winning much good ball at the tail of the lineout. There was also a useful contribution from as well as scrummaging effectively, put in several good District table

up the maul from which Have emerged to score a try. Glasgow's chances of achiev. ing a second successive win over scored their only try, only to leave the field minutes later with an injury. Earlier Glasgow had lost the services of their loose-head prop, Graham, with a dislocated elbow, adding to the

Glasgow's season.

Little information for selectors of the Scots

was that inter-district, di-visional championships, or whatever else one might call them, are unrelieved tedium. Anglo Scots looked uninterested for long periods of a match strewn with errors. North and Midlands, far more motivated principally because them when selecting the recent Scotland A and B squads, had

the passion and desire the Anglos never discovered. But as argely boring. Nor, I imagine, will the Scotland selectors have gleaned much useful information from

simply went through the mo-tions. Burnell did scrummage

 George Graham, the Stirling dislocated his elbow in the interwell, Roberts was prominent in the loose and Aitchison had a Scotland squad for the match against Spain on Saturday. district championship yes-

House of Lords

Law Report December 17 1990

Interest runs from damages judgment Committee members can be replaced

Thomas v Bung Wilson v Graham

Lea v British Aerospace plc Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman and Lord Ackner

[Speeches December 13] Where there was a split trial in personal injuries cases the award of interest under section 17 of the Judgments Act 1838 should rup from the date of the judgment which quantified or recorded the damages payable to the plaintiff, rather than from the date of the judgment determining the liability, and it was immaterial whether or not the liability judgment directed payment of the damages to be

The House of Lords so held allowing appeals by the defen-dants in three actions. Mr David William Bunn, Mr William Lawrence Graham and British Aerospace plc, from Mr Justice Jowin's decisions in Thomas v Bunn dated December 5, 1989 and Lea v British Aerospace plc dated April 9, 1990 and Mr Justice Drake's decision in Wilson v Graham (The Times June

In Thomas v Bunn the plain-tiff, Miss Christine Thomas, was injured in a road traffic accident on October 22, 1983, caused by Mr Bunn's negligence. The writ was issued claiming damages and on July 1, 1986, liability judgment by consent was en tered "for damages to be

On December 5, 1989, the parties agreed Miss Thomas' compensation at £340,000. Judgment was entered for her and Mr Justice Jowitt ordered interest on that sum under the 1838 Act at the rate of 15 per cent backdated to July 1, 1986. In Wilson v Graham the plaintiff, Mr Neil Wilson, suffered personal injuries in a road traffic accident. He issued a writ claiming damages but liability was denied by Mr Graham. On April 14, 1989, Mr Stephen Desch, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Beach Division, found in favour of Mr Wilson and ordered that Mr Graham "do pay the plaintiff damages to be ass

On April 3, 1990, Mr Justice Drake awarded Mr Wilson £196,970 as damages and interest under the 1838 Act from April 14, 1989.

In Lea v British Aerospace plc the plaintiff, Mr Graham Harold Lea, an employee of British Aerospace, was severely injured in an accident at work. He issued a wnt seeking damaees. On January 22, 1988, British Aerospace allowed an interlocutory judgment to be entered ordering "the defendant do pay damages to be assessed"

On April 9, 1990, the action came before Mr Justice Jowitt for the assessment of damages. The parties agreed the damages at £450,000, and judgment was entered in favour of Mr Lea for interest under the 1838 Act should be paid from January 22, In all the actions certificates

were granted under section 12(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1969, and leave to appeal was granted separately by the House of Lords. The appeals were heard together. Mr Piers Ashworth, OC and

Mr Apthony Temple, OC. Mr rence Cohen for Mr Thomas. Mr Michael Spencer, QC and Mr Jonathan Coggins for Mr Graham; Mr Michael Brent, QC and Mr Neil Garnham for Mr

Mr Brian Leveson, QC and Mr Michael Black for British Aerospace, Mr John Cherry, QC and Mr Neil Garnham for Mr

LORD BRIGHTMAN, agreeing with Lord Ackner, added that in the event of a split trial the precise form taken by the r was immaterial and it did not matter whether the liability judgment did or did not direct payment of the damages to be

LORD TEMPLEMAN. agreeing with Lord Ackner, observed that the incidence and rates of interest payable under the 1838 Act and section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as inserted by section 15 of and Schedule 1 to the Admir tion of Justice Act 1982, did not encourage early settlements of substantial claims for damages for personal injuries even when liability was admitted.

LORD ACKNER said that all three appeals raised the same question, namely whether interest on the damages awarded pursuant to section 17 of the 1838 Act should run from the date or the order or judgment made or given on liability ("the liability judgment") or from the date when the damages were agreed or assessed and final judgment entered for the resultant figure ("the damages

judement") judgment debt shall carry in-terest at the rate of [£15] per centum per annum from the time of entering up the judg-ment until the same shall be satisfied, and such interest may be levied under a writ of execution on such judgment. If the words used in the section were considered in isolation, the problem would not appear to be a difficult one, it was accepted that there could not be a "judgment debt" until there was a judgment for a quantified sum, that is, a final udgment as contrasted with an

ing up "the judgment", that is, the judgment which created the judgment debt, namely the final

interlocutory judgment. Such a

final judgment was to carry

interest from the time of enter-

quantified sum which the judement debtor was obliged by the terms of the judgment to pay, there was no judgment which he was able to satisfy.

section that "such interest may be levied under a writ of

rules of court to which it

Dow 872) and continuing almost 140 years thereafter, most of which were referred to in the Hunt v R. M. Douglas (Roofing) Ltd (The Times November 7, 1988; [1990] 1 AC 398), established that interest on awards of costs ran from the date on which judgment was pronounced and not from the date on which the taxation of costs was thereafte

argued that since it was accepted on all sides that Hun's case established, and rightly established, that the liability to pay costs, the same principle should apply to damage

logically interest on damages awarded by that judgment

tended that Borthwick derslie Steamship Co Ltd (No 2) ([1905] 2 KB 516), as explained by Mr Justice Eve in Ashover Flour Spar Mines Ltd v Jackson ([1911] 2 Ch 355), even though its application was limned, had stood the test of time and was good law.

different exercise from the taxation of costs. That was made doubly clear

whether costs, which had already been incurred, had been reasonably incurred and then to put a reasonable figure on such costs as at the date the judgment was pronounced or earlier. The costs having all been incurred by the date of the judgment, the amount at which they would be

taxed would be the sa ever the taxation took place. In contra-distinction, a judge in assessing damages had to assess, not merely the damages interlocutory order or interim judgment, but also the damages suffered between then and the date of assessment and the further damages to be suffered in the future. There was no warrant for the fine distinctions arising out of the Borthwick and

the Ashover decisions. His Lordship accepted that it was an anomaly that an order for payment of costs to be taxed was construed for the purposes of section 17 as a judgment debt, even though before taxation had been completed there was no sum for which execution could be levied.

However, the courts had accepted since its enactment that section 17 did apply to such an order and, for the reasons set out in his Lordship's speech in Hune's case (p415), the balance of justice favoured continuing so to treat such an order.

The wording of section 17 clearly envisaged a single judgment which constituted the judgment debt. That judgment debt could only arise where the judgment itself quantified the sum which the judgment debtor owed to his judgment creditor. The language of the section did not envisage an interlocutory judgment, but only a final judgment: Garner v Griggs ((1858) 27 LJ Ch 483, 485-486).

Accordingly, the judgment referred to in section 17 did not relate to an interlocutory or interim order or judgment establishing only the defen-dant's liability. The judgment contemplated by that section was the judgment which quantiartificial distinction drawn in the Bonhwick case based on the precise terms in

be assessed could no longer appeals, order that m each case the award of interest under section 17 of the 1838 Act should run from the date of the iudement which assessed or

which damages were ordered to

don agreed with Lord Ackner. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Howarths, Birmingham; Vernor Miles & Noble for Benussi & Powell, Sutton Beachcroft Stanleys; Russell

Regina v Greenwich London considered increasing the rents 1 AC 768), the applicant con-Borough Council. Ex Parte for housing homeless people tended that it was a fun-Borough Council, Ex Parte Lovelace

ing from its housing committee
Labour councillors who had The Court of Appeal so held

application for judicial review of the decision of Greenwich Borough Council, inter alia, to remove her from the membership of the housing committee. She was refused leave to appeal The applicant, an elected

to the House of Lords. councillor and a member of the majority Labour Party, bad been on the council's housing committee. She had accepted the Labour whip and had joined the Labour group.

However a disagreement between her and other party members about the performance of the council's social services department, led to the Labour whip being withdrawn and she then ceased to be a mber of the group.

The council was rate-capped. In 1988, to prepare a budget whereby expenditure would not exceed income, the council had

standing orders of the council. By standing order A31 "The council shall at the annual meeting appoint such committees as it is required to appoint

Relying on the House of Lords decision in Bromley London Borough Council v

Subsequently at a housing committee meeting the ap-plicant, together with a number of other Labour councillors, voted against proposals to in-crease rents. Thereupon the Labour group recommended removal from the housing committee of those councillors and at a full council meeting a motion was adopted reducing the housing committee's membership and appointing a new committee that excluded

Miss Monica Carss-Frisk for the applicant; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Antony White for

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the appeal raised important mentions relating to the conduct of local government. 1972 empowered councils to carry out their functions by committees. The rules for the appointment of committee members were set out in the by or under any statute or as it may think desirable, and ... (iii) the council may at any time solve a committee or alter its

judgment: he was expected to

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and

The Local Government Act us of committees and sub-

tended that it was a fun-damental principle of the law that a councillor, being a representative and not a mere dele-

fulfil his duties "according to the best of his judgment and ability" (section 83(1) of the 1972 Act).
It followed, it was said, that a councillor should not allow his discretion to be fettered by the dictates of the party to which be belonged and any fetter imposed from outside obliging him to exercise his discretion in a

particular way was unlawful Further, it was argued, applying the dictum of Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in R v Waltham Forest London Borough Council, Ex parte Bax-ter ([1988] QB 419, 424C), it was equally objectionable to operate a policy whereby a councillor could be removed from a com-

mittee for voting in opposition to the party line. The council had, moreover, it was suggested, acted unlawfully in removing the applicant from the committee for the purpose of punishing her for voting contrary to party policy.

Those were formidable submissions. However the crucial

questions were: (i) What was the reason for the council's decision in February 1988? (ii) Was that reason a legitimate reason? The evidence clearly showed that the decision to remove the applicant from the committee was not taken to punish her or for any other improper motive. group and other councillors

formulating an acceptable budgetary strategy. The reason for the decision

was a legitimate one. A councillor was always under some pressures from outside. The risk of not being re-elected at the next election was one obvious At the present day, however

when local government was organised on party lines, some additional constraints resulting from the existence of a party line or strategy on particular issues were inevitable.

Penalties by way of punishment or any action which was vindictive or malicious had to be avoided. But a political party was entitled to take steps to ensure its cohesion and there was nothing intrinsically wrong in a decision to change a party? representation on a committee so as to advance the policies which the party considered desirable. In that sense "group discipline" did not connote punishment but an attempt to keep the party group together.

The line between constraints which were acceptable and even inevitable to enable a party group to function together and constraints which were unacceptable because they involved improper coercion might often be a narrow one. But the line could be drawn in the individual case. Here the line had not been crossed. Lord Justice Stocker and Lord

Justice Staughton gave concurring judements Solicitors: Sheelagh Robin-

son; Mr David N. Atkinson,

to reduce expenditure. It thus Greater London Council ([1983] wanted the housing committee Applicant caused delay by his actions

Regina v Governor of Brixton Prison and Another, Ex parte

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Garland [Judgment December 12]

Failure to take an obvious step in due time did not entitle an applicant to claim that there was a povelty which was not fairly available to him on the occasion of an earlier application. The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so held in rejecting a fourth application by Lorrain Esme Osman for a writ of habeas corpus to prevent his extradition to Hong Kong to face 39 charges including conspiracy to defraud, conspir-acy to steal, false accounting and receipt of corrupt payments. Mr Martin Thomas, QC, Mr Mark Lomas and Mr John Mok. of the Hong Kong Bar, for Mr Osman: Mr Kevin de Haan and Miss Clare Montgomery for the Governor of Brixton Prison; Mr

been committed to custody by the Chief Metropolitan Mag-istrate on June 1, 1987 to await extradition. He had made three previous habeas corous applica us (The Times April 13, 1988, ([1990] 1 WLR 277); The Times December 24, 1988; The Times

December 7, 1989).

the basis that extradition would be contrary to section 11 of the Fugitive Offenders Act 1989 which provided for discharge where it would be unjust or

The court considered and plicant's

His fourth application was on

personal miss The passage of time, although long, was not due to any dilatoriness by the Hong Kong Government. There was no hardship in the sense of oppression in returning a man whose age had increased to 59 during

Passage of time regardless of events occurring in that time was not sufficient for the purposes of section 11 of the 1989 Act. It was events within the lapsed time which were to be considered

The only process initiated by the Hong Kong Government, and therefore the only process

judgment, there had been no The only thing that was new was the discovery that docu-ments which had been seen by

the Hong Kong investigators

Malaysia by the applicant were The novelty of that was due to delay by the applicant in seeking an order in the Malaysian courts

The court did not think that failure to take an obvious step in due time could enable an applicant to claim that there was a novelty which was not fairly

available to him on the occasion of an earlier application. R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Tarling ([1979] 1 WLR 1417) made it clear that an applicant for habeas corpus was required to put forward on his initial application the whole

On that basis the court was satisfied that the present application was an abuse of

Solicitors: Evershed Wells &

hill skis. "My technician really did a great job on the skis." she

Kronberger led her nearest rival, Diann Roffe, of the United States, by 0.91 sec before officials halted the race because fog and fresh snow had made

"We've been here for a week parts of the Planplatten course now and we've got to have at least one race," Major said,

racing for weeks.

RISSATTS: Saturday: 1. A Klesewatter (Ger), 214.Spts; 2. D Thoma (Ger), 197.4; 3. J Heumann (Ger), 196.2. Yestarday: 1. Thoma, 201.8; 2. Klesewatter, 193.7; 3, V Haltata (Fin), 192.5.

Court of Appeal

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should run "until the same shall be satisfied". Until there was a The final provision in the

execution on such judgment" must refer to the judgment which had created the judgment debt, that is, the final judgment. Accordingly, the words of the visualised only a final judgment quantifying a sum of money the damages judgment in the instant cases, and not the liability judgment which had been given some years earlier and which identified no sum of

money as being due and How then had the present problem arisen? The provisions of section 18 of the 1838 Act elevated the decrees, orders and judgment debt under section 17.

A long line of cases beginning with Fisher v Dudding ((1841) 9 House of Lords decision in

laxing master's certificate. Put shortly, the respondents interest on costs did not have to await the quantification of those costs, but dated back to the date of the judgment awarding those

Sections 17 and 18 made no distinction between costs and damages, treating each as a judgment debt. Since interest on costs ran from the date the judgment was pronounced, then should run from the same date. Further, the respondents con-

in answer to those contentions the appellants argued that there was no logical reason why the same rules should apply to damages as apply to costs, the assessment of damages being a

All that the taxing master was required to do was, from his that amount. It was ordered that by the provision that the interest Own experience, to decide

Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Staughton [Judgment December 12]

voted against council policies. in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Serena Lovelace, from the refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Tucker) (The Times June 23, 989; [1990] 1 WLR 18) of her

His Lordship would allow the recorded the damages payable to each of the plaintiffs. Lord Keith and Lord Bran-

Clive Nicholls, QC and Mr Graham Grant, of the Hong Kong Bar, for the Hong Kong Jones & Walker. Loveli Son & Pinfield for Walker Smith & Way, Ellesmere LORD JUSTICE MANN, iving the reserved judgment of

accommodation. Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord

A local council having a Labour Party majority acted lawfully and within its powers in remov-

oppressive to return the applicant by reason of the passage of time since he was alleged to have committed the offences. It was also argued that the ent jurisdiction to prevent the applicant's return. That could only be done if it could be shown that the proceedings culminating in commutal in 1987 were an abuse of process Mr Nicholls contended that the present application was both an abuse of process and a contravention of the section 14(2) of the Administration of

application on the same grounds

without fresh evidence.

rejected submissions by Mr Thomas based on lapse of time. submissions by Mr the absence of certain documents, the motive of the accuser, the likely absence of some witnesses from a trial in Hong and which were sought in Kong, publicity and the ap-

the lapse of time. Any possibility of prejudice due to publicity could be dispelled by the trial judge giving an appropriate direction to the jury.

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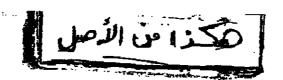
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London win rugby union divisional championship for third successive time despite deadlock on both fronts

Andrew confirms his fine kicking form and his generalship

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

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DEADLOCK on the western and northern fronts is scarcely best to sustain the territorial the manner in which any pressure on London by carrycompetition should be coning the game to them; but it cluded, yet the ADT di-visional championship has a way that once Webb, in a winner. London's drawn game planned move, chipped too at Gloucester on Saturday was enough to give them the title Ubogu managed to knock on.
The impression remained and it was appropriate that that, so long as their noses Rob Andrew should have were in front, London were

South-West, confirmed his ex-cellent kicking form through-out this championship and his generalship. He has played game defensively as at the with three different inside Stoop, which left London centres in the course of three looking distinctly shaky when-Saturdays, and with a scrum over Hamlin put the ball into half whose pass is far from the the air. quickest in the game, and has The loss of Ackford with a

day when two energetic back hearted effort. rows fought each other to a Since Ryan was also obliged Country gloom which reflected local attitudes to the were fortunate to emerge with

best, kicked two from four rugby. before the interval but was London twice came close to being played. If there is no denied any further opportutives which might have aftered agreement, the Rugby Footnities because Robinson felt it the nature of the game; Moore ball Union will make a ruling.

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

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been influential in earning the content to conduct a holding operation. The ball seldom His four penalty goals, strayed beyond Lozowski, against the goal and two which gave Pilgrim little penalty goals scored by the chance of adding his weight to

invariably made the best of bruised rib cartilage just before half-time was also a
He received stout assistance substantial blow to London. A at Kingsholm from Lozowski, fortnight's rest should see the his club colleague, but it was England lock recovered but in Andrew's pragmatism which his absence the lineout drifted was a determining factor on a away, despite Ryan's whole-A decision is expected to-

stalemate which laid a dead to move up to the second row day on whether the divisional hand over the game. It also when Clarke came on as presented Ken McCartney, Ackford's replacement, the the Scottish referee, with problems at the set-pieces which he in the contest, although Moore could not solve; the match, will have been angry to lose a ADT, the sponsors, offer a played in a stygian West couple of strikes to the South-West front row.

"There was no quick ball to championship generally, was a play with and that was down mishmash of scrums and pen- to the defensive qualities of alties from which London both sides," Andrew said. "When the ball did come out it was static and players were Robinson, the South-West standing off, ready with the captain, regretted too late tackles. There was no forward running as many kickable momentum to the game at all. and the England training second-half penalties as he But nobody comes on to the squad will be in Lanzarote on did. Webb, though not at his field trying to play that kind of January 5, when most of the

switch but somehow Luxton managed to let the cover come to him, leaving London with a 9-6 interval advantage. In the second half, Luxton managed to slip an uncontrolled heel to Clarke and the No. 8 brushed off a challenge to send Skinner and Winterbottom 40 metres,

Guscott's powerful break gave Hamlin the chance to kick his side into the right-

game between the North and the South-West, postponed from December 8 because of bad weather, will be played. runners-up trophy, but the South-West management and players are not enthusiastic about the game, the champ-

£6,500 on their abortive flight to West Hartlepool and are short of funds. Several players are unavailable next weekend postponed county games are

Cleary to rescue in last reel bile prop, Linnett, and Barley, threw the ball to Steel, unsurely the best tackling centre in marked on his left. He scamd with reports- pered in and Ho tions enhanced.

"15 What will happen if Andrew is injured is anyone's guess.

Midlands conceded a penalty

tures showed, Humphries had is injured is anyone's guess. Midlands conceded a penalty Steel and Pears had much to near the line; Morris, a notable

tions many clubs may soon want to ask about what they see as the heavy-handed approach of officials. Cardiff can rightly decision and will demand an

Stamping on the heavy-handed

The club will await the referee's report before making an official response. There could be a case of mistaken identity, since televison showed Paul Edwards stepping on an opposing forward.

Even though Cardiff put up spirited opposition thereafter, they were unlikely to shift a resilient but largely disappoint-ing Swansea. The home team won by two goals, two tries and a penalty to a goal and three penalties but hardly looked like penalties but hardly looked like the team which swept Ponty-pool aside a week earlier.

nique, the visitors inevitably lacked weight in the scrum, from which phase the home team were to score three of their

Twelve points came in the first seven minutes of the match. Evans and Jones exchanged quick penalties and Cardiff's try was deceptively simple. The quickness and decisiveness with which it was achieved made it so. From a scrum 22 metres out, Stone picked up and linked with Lakin before John split the defence. Coming in for the

scissors pass, Ford scored near the posts to give Evans the extra Swansea's try would have been equally praiseworthy but for the suggestion of a forward pass. Jones went left from a

After Hopkins went off, Evans extended Cardiff's lead with a penalty. Swansea's first push-over try, by Stuart Davies, converted by Jones, gave them the interval lead. Territorially, Cardiff had the better of the second half but the scrum proved to be their inevitable downfall. Stuart Davies got the first by picking up and charging over, for Jones to convert, and Reynolds got the second push-

over try. In between, Evans had kicked a penalty. SCORERS: Swanseur Tries: B Triylor, S Daves (2), A Reynolds. Convertioner R Jones (2), Penelty goal: R Jones. Cerdiff: Try: S Ford. Conversione: D Evens. Panelty goals: D Evens (3).

SWANSEA: T Clement: M Titley, K Hopkins (rep: J Mudgeway: rep: S Davies), S Parlitt, B Taylor; M Dacey, R Jones; I Buckett, L Isaac, K Colcough, R Jones, R Moristry, P Arnold, A Reynolds,

O'Hara, the Munster open-side flanker, joins Staples in the doubtful category, after injuring

Middlesex dance at Cornwall's tempo

By GORDON ALLAN

Middlesex

THE town band had a busy afternoon at Redruth on Satarden while Cornwall were bear-ing Middlesex in the county championship. Every time Cornwall scored, or did something particularly good, the band struck up a refrain from

Trelawny".
What with that, the carsplitting local support, the Corn-wall team's fire and brimstone, and their own jittery perfor-mance, Middlesex were never in the game. But they are still in the championship and, with Corn-wall, should qualify from the southern section for the semifinals on February 2

In perfect conditions Coru-wall, who won by two goals a try and three penalty goals to a goal and two penalties, set out to rattle their opponents and succeeded beyond their own expectations.

It was ten-man rugby, aimed at inducing mistakes, and it brought Cornwall a 10-3 lead by half-time. Champion kicked two penalties and May, supporting Thomason at a lineout, Cornwall's weakest area, drove through for a try. Nancekivell from a scrum 30

metres out, cut inside the cover for another try and Peters touched down the third by the posts when three Middlesex defenders failed to deal with one of his up-and-unders. Wright's try for Middlesex at the end was

of only cosmetic value.

Middlesex had to replace their hooker and No. 8. McFarland was carried off in the first half with a damaged calf muscle and Sheasby left the field shortly before no-side with a bruised

before no-side with a bruise back.

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Robbins is still an inspiration

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

Lancashire..... Warwickshire...

THE experience of three unswervingly loyal players proved crucial as Warwickshire beat Lancashure, the holders, at Blundelisands on Saturday to reach the semi-finals of the

county championship.

Robbins, Farrington and
Thomas, all aged 34, among
them made more than 600 senior appearances for Coventry and their presence in key posit-ions at No. 8, booker and scrum half was decisive.

Lancashire deserve sympathy for the plight induced by the clash of county and divisional matches. They could field only four of the team that won the championship last season and are now involved in an un-dignified scramble with North Midlands to avoid relegation.

skill in the restyled championship, spirit sull abounds and Warwickshire won their second match through an ability to cast aside sundry setbacks, notably the inaccurate goalkicking of Vaudin.

A pushover try with 15 min-utes remaining by Robbins, from a ten-yard shove, had a vividly familiar ring. In his heyday with Coventry, Robbins amassed 32 tries in a season; four years ago, he scored three pushovers in the Twickenham final against Kent.

nnal against Kent.

The game was blighted by poor bandling and wayward punting, to which Thomas was the notable exception. Strett failed with an angled penalty that could have brought Lancashire a psychologically valuable 6-3 lead just after half-time. while an interception of Wright's pass by Vaudin pre-vented Lancashire from turning the most clear-cut chance into a

the most clear-cut chance into a ry.

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WARWICKSHIEE: S Hall (Barkers Buts);
K Shaw (Coverny), N Palmer (Rugby), R Neneley (Rugby), M Bennett (Covernry); S Yeudin (Rugby), S Thomas (Covernry); G Tregligas (Covernry), A Farrington (Covernry), D Garforth (Nunesson), A Raddleedin (Rugby), J Hyde (Covernry), S Smith (Covernry), S Cambr (Nunesson), G Robbins (Sumon Cottlied, capt).

Wellington run off their feet

TOULOUSE (AFP) - A convincing 30-9 victory for Fiji over Wellington on Saturday at the International Masters tournament here was crowned by three tries in the last five minutes of the group A quarterfinal match.

The Fijians showed panache as well as power while Welling-ton were disappointing, all their points coming from penalty goals from Mannix.

but Adebayo made a crushing tackle to stop Winterbottom five metres out.

hand corner. From the subsequent scrum, the South-West used Webb as a decoy before Swift, flying in from an auxiliary full-back position, broke the defence for the game's only try. By that stage the satisfaction derived was strictly limited.

ionship having been decided.
The South-West spent

The touch judge raised his flag, had a word with the referee and Humphries was dismissed, and rumprines was dismissed, allegedly for stamping. Most observers were mystified since no one had seen anything untoward. The player was dis-

By GERALD DAVIES

ranking teams that shared the same number of wins in this

season's Heineken League was spoilt in the 34th minute when

Jonathan Humphries, the Car-diff hooker, was sent off. A long

rolling maul came to a dishev-

elled halt and a fracas followed.

By Owen JENKINS

THE cold weather had only a slight effect on the fourth round of the Schweppes Cup, three matches being postponed. The round saw the first appearance of first division teams and some fell by the wayside.

The most notable victory was by Felinfoel, who defeated Tredegar 28-13 at home with Kevin Thomas, the former Llanelli and Wales B stand-off half,

Later, as the television protures showed, Humphries had
done no such thing although,
with others, he seemed to have
thrown a punch.

The Welsh Rugby Union will
have to find answers to ques-

Thomas leads a fine Felinfoel display Maesteg. This time, Maesteg scraped through 12-9 thanks to a try by Rob Lewis, the flanker.

South Wales Police proved too well organised for Mosatain Ash. They scored four tries in a 27-10 win, with lan Hemburrow, the No. 8, getting two. The Police were 27-0 ahead before Mountain Ash could muster a reply. They had the butter of the second half but had to wait until the 87th minute before Paul Withers, the centre,

will make their first

before Paul Withers, the centre, scoring 12 points. Maesteg scored the first of his two tries.

Celtic got the scalp of Penarth, but their 10-4, two tries to one, in the first division, had an easy appearances. Scoring 12 points. Massing Scoring in the institution in the first division, had an easy win was expected.

Benymaen just failed to repeat last year's victory at home to Scored in the first division, had an easy 48-7 victory at home to Ebbw Vale. John Jardine, the centre, scored three tries and spearances.

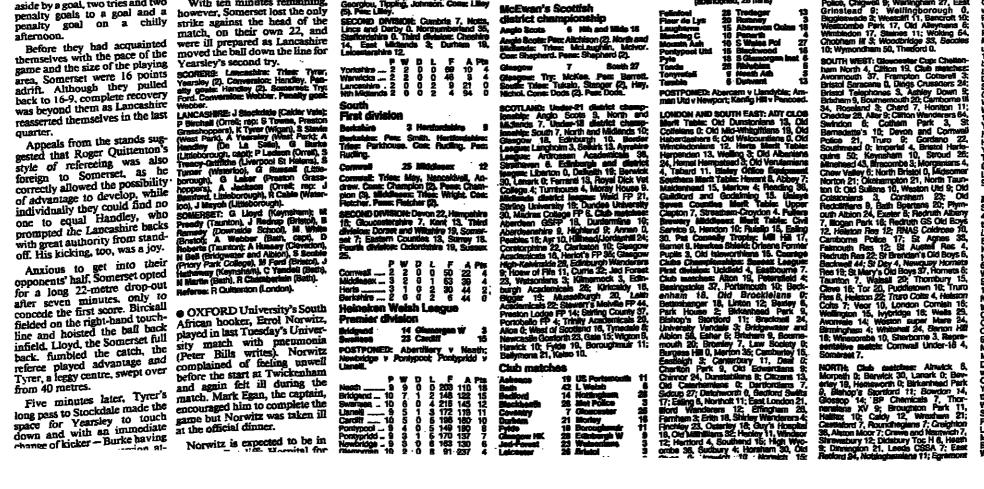
Aberavon, in second position in the first division, had an easy 48-7 victory at home to RTB squad for a spell of warm weather training from December 27 to 31 in the Algarve Hamilton and Mick Fitzgibbon.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

THE decision to transfer Saturday's divisional match because of ground frost at Headingley resulted in a Keystone Kops scamper to Otley, where an improved showing from the North resulted in a draw with the Midlands, who scored a goal, a dropped goal and two penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals. The five final hectic minutes apart, it was a disappointing contest, lacking shape and creativity though, in the players' defence, footholds were pretarious. Within four minutes of the kick-off, three players had slipped as they received the ball. The game was watched by a small crowd and it was impossible not to contrast the occasion with the vibrant Roses match, also staged at Otley, a fortnight ago. As an exercise in establishing cover for the top men, only Moon, the Midlands' excellent scrum half, their mo-











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Wimbledon's game elevated to new heights by Fashanu

THE longer John Fashanu spent at Highbury on Saturday, the greater the confusion he caused. He reserved his most amusing performance for the inquests on the 2-2 draw. His interpretation practice, and we're getting of events, such as Wimble- used to knocking the ball don's belated equaliser and around," Fashanu said. "We

According to Fashanu, he scored the goal deep into injury-time which earned the right reasons." Wimbledon a point and apparently a substantial bonus, rumoured to be £1,000, for himself. David Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper, insisted that he was responsible. He mistimed his punch and the ball skimmed off his fist into his own net.

So many players had swarmed underneath Keith Curle's huge free kick, launched in final desperation from the halfway line, that the identity of the scorer was obscured. As George Graham pointed out, Seaman could have used the convenient camouflage to disguise his error. Instead, he accepted

the blame. "I'm disappointed especially because I can't remember making that kind of mistake before," Seaman said. "If you were getting Fashanu's bonus, you would probably claim it as well." The Arsenal manager agreed that the centre forward could officially be credited with the goal "as long as he sends me 50 per cent".

Fashanu's other claim was even harder to substantiate. concentration. The first In his opinion, Wimbledon have altered their ways. They may have marginally modified their tactics but the and the second, by the whole evidence suggested that they still indulge in the long-ball game. Even Ray Harford concedes that he "hasn't utes later. changed much" since he took over as their manager.

By PETER BALL

Tottenham Hotspur...... 1

THESE are early days to assess

was plain for all to see at Maine Road on Saturday. His side

responded to his goading to stage a thrilling comeback, with

Reid's predecessor, Howard Kendall, was much criticised by

the City supporters for trying to

Maine Road. On Saturday

those supporters saw why Ken-

dall wanted Reid. His fighting spirit and skill rubbed off on his

colleagues just as it used to at Goodison Park in the champ-

ionship years.
City, like Tottenham, still have some way to go before they

reach those heights. Both need

two or three more players to provide a real challenge to

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is Everton side at

two goals in the final quarter.

Manchester City...

STUART JONES

"In spite of what he says, we play a lot of five a sides in their style of play, was did have a reputation but we're proving that we can play a bit and people are frightened of us now for all

> Nobody shared his view. Graham had heard reports that Wimbledon were no longer exclusively propelling the ball around the stratosphere and competing fiercely for possession when it landed, "From what I've just seen, they are no dif-ferent," he said.

Harford even complained about his side's elevated approach. "The ball was not on the ground much which wouldn't be so bad if we didn't have three midgets. We played it too long. The game was like a cup tie it was so hectic. It was a mad house

Mercifully, they are not as overtly physical as they once were. More than a few of their opponents in the past have finished bearing war wounds. The only injury inflicted on Saturday, coincidentally by Fashanu, was accidental. The victim, Winterburn, was unable to return after the interval.

Wimbledon, though, did damage themselves by losing lapse, by Blackwell on the edge of the area, allowed Merson to put Arsenal ahead, defence at a corner, permitted Adams to increase the lead with a free header four min-

Arsenal obliged by offering Kruszynski an equally open

Reid engineers a comeback

Arsenal and Liverpool, but a match flowing with attack and counter underpinned by vivid

intelligence did much to suggest that after some drab years, the

quality of the group of clubs behind the leaders is improving.

was not amused to have his head patted by the enfant ter-

rible after one clash, but even

the fiercely competitive player-

manager was full of admiration for the goal with which his

adversary gave Tottenham the lead after 26 eventful minutes.

outside the box, Gascoigne shrugged aside two challenges.

the return's arrival at hip level

not interrupting his progress as he controlled it and waltzed

round Coton. Sheer effrontery,

But as Reid's influence

waxed, and the height of Quinn

provided openings, City increasingly took over. It seemed,

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sheer brilliance.

Picking up a loose ball just

THESE are early days to asset Peter Reid's worth as a manager, but his continuing play was a delight, with Gascoigne heavily involved. Reid coigne heavily involved. Reid

header. Their generosity was uncharacteristic (it was only the third League goal they had conceded at Highbury) and psychologically ill timed because, in the closing seconds of an extended first half, it gave Wimbledon the impetus which they never fully

Merson, withdrawn into a deeper role, continued to pose problems with his late runs and his awareness of those made by his colleagues. Yet Fashanu, regularly beating Adams for pace as they to pursue lofted through balls, might twice have equalised before eventually he did.

Unofficially, it was scored in the 93rd minute and, since Graham could recall medical attention being required only once in the second half, he was surprised by the length of the extra time. He will trust that Arsenal's wheel of fortune turns with the new year.

Two late goals in successive weekends have cost them four points, the distance they lie behind Liverpool who have a game in hand, and another two were deducted. Moreover. Adams, his captain and usually the most reliable defender, will be suspended from all mas period.

For what it is worth Fashanu believes that they will "be there or thereabouts at the end of the season, but they won't win the title". Judged by the accuracy of his other statements, he could scarcely have given Arsenal a greater vote of confidence.

ARSEMAL: D Seamen; L Dixon, N Winterburn (sub: D O'Leery), M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, P Groves, P Davis, A Smith, P Merson, A Limpar.
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Referee: M Bodenham.



High flyer: Segers, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, ontjumps Limpar, of Arsenal

Forest rise above the gloom

however, that time was running out fast as Wayne Clarke re-placed the injured Heath with

14 minutes remaining. Reid saw it differently. "I thought it was one of those games where if you keep going you'll get one," he said, chuck-ling, "We kept going and we got

Clarke set up Redmond from Megson's disputed free kick, after Walsh had hand-balled. Tottenham were not happy about either goal, the lack of a good case never stopping Venables's teams having plenty to say for themselves, and Howells joined Nayim and Gascoigne in the book for protest-ing. Will Carling would not have

MANCHESTER CITY: A Cotor: I Brightwell, N Pointon, P Raid, C Hendry, S Redmond. D While, A Heath (sub: W Clarke), N Quinn, G Megeon, M Ward. TOTTENHAR HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt, M -Thomas, P Van den Hauwe, S Sadgley, D Howels Guitz V Samways, G Mebbutt, P Stewart, P Gescolgne, Naylm (sub: P Allen), G Linster, P Weish. Perferee; J Key.

By Ian Ross

Queen's Park Rangers.. 1 Nottingham Forest 2 QUEEN'S Park Rangers' ninth consecutive defeat, while depressing in itself, was also

worrying because at no stage did they look capable of winning.

Once the natural enthusiasm created by Roy Wegerle's equalising goal had drained away, the limitations of Rangers' football was to become increasingly apparent to a small crowd, many of whom left the

Even by their own standards, this was a poor performance and Rangers must have been thankful to find their equally out-of-sorts opponents in a charitable mood. Forest, who had won only one of seven previous League games, were more adept in terms of technique and application but their superiority

WEEKEND RESULTS, TABLES AND SCORERS

was only marginal. With Rangers anxious to give should have been at their most away the ball and Forest reluc- effective, Rangers surrendered

tant to accept the gift of pos-session, the game was desolate, littered with ill-judged passes free kick after 68 minutes was and naive tactics. The outcome could have been

different had Wegerle chosen to

play as part of a unit rather than

concentrating on embellishing a reputation for flamboyant, but unproductive, ball tricks. Bardsley and Caesar were never comfortable in a depleted merous blunders were left un-punished until the fiftieth

rare moment of class. Keane threaded a pass through a clutch of players and Clough applied the finishing touch with an accurate shot. had restored the status quo. As Wegerie attempted to reach Falco's cross from the left, he

was clearly impeded by Pearce. Wegerle's successful penalty was his sixth this season. At the moment when they

licked on by Parker, and Pearce unleashed a venomous shot into

the roof of the net.
The conjested Christmas and new year period could prove to be pointless for Oueen's Park Rangers in more ways than one.

CUTEN'S PARK RANGERS: J Stejskel; D Bandsley (sub: M Meaker), K Sanson, C Wilson, G Cassar, D Maddix, R Williams, S kar, M. Falco, R. We serie. A Sinton BERRY, M. PECO, H. Wegerle, A. Sinton. NOTTREARMAN FOREST: M. Crossley, 8 Laws, S. Pearce, D. Walker, S. Chettle, R. Kesne, F. Cam, G. Parker, N. Clough, N. Jamson, G. Crosby. Referee: G. Courtney.

• Steve Sutton, the Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, who has lost his first-team place and been unable to agree new terms with the club, was told on Friday by his manager, Brian Clough, to stay away from the ground for four days to think about his future. He was asked whether he was fit enough to play at the weekend and the message I got back was that he was not in the right frame of mind to play for

us," Clough said.

Tennents Scottish Cup First round
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8 and Q Scottish League

United's sinking feeling as they hit lowest depths

Sheffield United

AFTER an hour on Saturday, Sheffield United were still dreaming of the impossible. They had defied the red tide sweeping over them at Anfield and their heads could still be seen above the water.

But they were eventually sub-merged by an irresistible force. After John Barnes had drilled the first hole in the United dyke. only the continued resilience of Simon Tracey, their goalkeeper, and Paul Beesley, the centre half, prevented the floodgates

If Dave Bassett's team does sink back to the second division, it will not be without trace. United have equalled the achievement of Hull City, who 12 months ago went 16 games without a win from the start of a season, and as he donned another brave face Bassett stack" of unwanted records still waiting to be collected, like the least number of first-division wins (three) and the fewest points (17).

The Liverpool manager, Kenny Daiglish, was typically unmagnanimous. He does not like discussing his opponents, he said, and he did not. Bassett, rightly, praised United's effort and enthusiasm. You sense he knows those qualities will not be enough to save them, even if they frustrated the champions for a long period.

Although Barnes, with a succession of searching crosses from the left, provided plenty of ammunition, Liverpool fired The one genuine chance they created from a wealth of pos-session was headed by Rush

composed, if overworked, defence kept United in with a THE TIMES WE

As it was, only the thickness of Grobbelaar's crossbar pre-vented the unthinkable in the 27th minute when Bryson, robbing McMahon and exchanging passes with Deane, arrowed a shot on 10 the Liverpool

woodwork If the supporters on the Kop had needed binoculars to feel close to the action in the first half, most of the second was played under their noses. You could understand why 34 points separated the teams before the

Tracey's athletic save for Rush's header delayed, but could not prevent, the inevitable. Liverpool's opening goal was reward for Rush's goal was reward for Kusn's willingness to chase lost causes. While his colleagues drew breath in readiness for another attack, he ran 30 yards to force a Mahon's diagonal pass, Beards-ley's nimble footwork and Barnes's low drive past Tracey's left hand did the rest.

When, 14 minutes later Tracey made his one mistake of the match, it was all over. Burrows, off balance near the corner flag, launched a hopeful, high punt towards the near post, Tracey — distracted by Rush — let the ball bounce, and when Houghton headed back across goal, Rush was on hand, virtu-

Burrows, S Nicol, R Whelen, G Glisepte, P Beardsley, eauc: S McMarasanan, R Houghton, I Rust, J Barnes, S McMahon, SHEFFIELD UNITED: S Tracey; C Wilder (SAL J Hoyland), W Rostron, V Jones, P Beasley, C Hill, I Bryson, J Garnon, C Bradshaw (sub: P Duffield), 8 Deane, R Lucas.

Le Tissier's skill is left in shade

Southampton...

MATTHEW Le Tissier had another good reason to feel aggreeved. He had been criti-cised last week for not joining the England B party for the trip to Algeria, explaining he had flu. Now, after scoring his ainth goal of the season (with a glancing header from a centre by Adams after 42 minutes) and creating two excellent opportunities that Rideout neglected, his was not

the name on everybody's lips, despite his outstanding Le Tissier's individual brilliance, in a game surprisingly devoid of passion considering the need for points from two out-of-touch sides, had to take ce to referee. Philip Don. The same referee who dismissed Tony Adams, of Arsenal, at Laton the prevous week upstaged Le Tissier by the award of a debatable penalty 12

minutes from the end. Home clearly seemed outside the area when he sent Daley stumbling inside it, but Don surprisingly awarded a penalty. and Platt salvaged a point Villa scarcely deserved with their first goal away from home in five There was no disputing the foul but Horne, who stayed

where he was when he made the

challenge, protested in vain.

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Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, later talked of "an injustice" and his side feeling

Don, who justified his de-cision not to dismiss Horne "as there was no obvious goalscoring opportunity", took no action soon afterwards when with players aggrieved, Platt went down after a challenge from Le Tissier. Platt jumped to his feet and spoke in favour of his opponent as Don advanced

Southampton -McLoughlin, the Republic of Ireland midfield player signed from Swindon for £1 million, made an anonymous debut -could feel peeved at the late turn of events. After four successive League defeats that plunged them into the relegation area, their dominance deserved

Villa, with only one win in seven matches, looked a pale shadow of the side that started the season so brightly under

Considering there were four players on view who had been at the World Cup finals in Italy, plus sundry other inter-nationals, the match was a disappointment. SCUTHAMPTON: T Flowers; J Dodds, M Adams, J Cass, N Ruddock, R Osmen (sub: G Cockers), M Le Tassier, B Horne, A Shearer (sub: R Wallace), P Rideout, A McLoughlin.

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Manches :

McLougnin. ASTON VILLA: N Spirit; C Price, S Gray, P McGrath, P Birch (sub: A Comyn), K Nielsen, A Daley, D Piatt, I Ormondroyd (sub: D Yorke), G Cowans, A Cascarino.

Last swing First division AYR UTD (0) 2 AIRDREE (1) 2 Graham 48 Firica 74 (pen) Lawrence 87 (pen) in favour of Chelsea

Mitchen or CLYDEBANK (1) 1 Rely 24 981 FALKIRK (2) 3 ERECHIN (0) 0 McGham 18 37 382 PARTICK (1) 2 GORDON Durie sang the praises of golfing holidays after his two goals had helped Chelsea MCCLestory 21 McGlashart 23 Paches 75 Paches 7 to an astonishing 6-4 win over Derby County at the Baseball Ground on Saturday.

Durie, who has a golf handi-

cap of ten, said: "After we lost 2-1 to Wimbledon last month, we went away for a few days' golf in back since.
"I don't think any of the

players involved on Saturday had ever taken part in a game like that and may never do again. It makes a mockery of any scheme to goals wider. If they had been, it could have ended 12-10." Chelsea looked in command

at half-time after building a 3-1 lead through two goals from Dixon and one from Durie. But Derby, whose first half reply came from Saunders, staged a stirring comeback with three goals in 13 minutes from Hebberd, Saunders and Mickle-white and were ahead with 15 minutes remaining.

Chelsea, however, ensured that the match would go down as one of the least memorable of Shilton's long career by regaining control with goals from Wise, Durie and Le Saux.

Durie's second goal after 83 minutes was the one that broke Derby. Beasant saved superbly from Saunders and his long throw set up Durie to run from his own half into the home penalty area where before shoot-

Miller rejects Ayr's offer

WILLIE Miller, the former Aberdeen player, has turned down the chance to become the manager of Ayr United, Miller, aged 35, was offered the post after Ayr dismissed Ally Mac-Leod on Thursday. • William Luke, the former Preston winger and England's oldest surviving Football League player, will be 100 today.

• AMSTERDAM: Utrecht supporters were

train on Saturday night.

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mouth 1: Waterlookie 2 Goutoster 2: Worsester 0, Cambridge Cky 1, Southers dividence Beldock 2, Andover 1; Burnham 3, Erth and Selvedera 0; Corinthies 4, Margase 2: Durstable 1, Farsham 1; Gosport Borough 4, Ashford 2; Salisbury 2, Wirey 0, Pestporad: Burry 2, Corby 0; Bedworth 1, Willeshall 1: Hednestord 0, Racing CW 0; Hinckley 5, Bridgnorth 1; Nuneaton Borough 2, Granthiam 2; Reddisch 3, Sulton Colified 2; Stourbridge 3, Billston 2; Strout 3, Dudley 1; Talmworth 2, Leicaster Und 4, Salisbury 1; Carrick 2, Glentoran 3; Chiborvilla 6, Newry 0; Lindled 4, Larne 2; Orangh Town 0, Crusseders 1, Pestponent 2, Granthia 6, Newry 0; Lindled 4, Larne 2; Orangh Town 0, Crusseders 1, Pestponent 2, Bellymena v Arcis; Porzadown v Glensvon,

POOLS CHECK

Fourth division
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Bambor 77
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Carks 60
BARROW (1) 2 NORTHWICK (2) 2
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Anderton 33
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FISHER ATH (2) 2 Tomilinson 72 (pen)
GATESHEAD (0) 2 STAFFORD R (0) 1
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TRUMORS 38
Saunders 32
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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Brainings 2,
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Cornerd 3, Gorfestoen 0; Merch Town 1,
Woodlen 1; Stowmarkel 1, Felicstowe 1;
Watton 3, Clacton 1, Postponed: Great
Yammouth Newtharkel.

Mare 4, Bernstapte 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR: LEAGUE: Old Actonians 2, Midland Bank 3; Old Easthamelens 0, West Wickham 2; Old Salealans 0, Nay West Bank 2; East Barnet Old 4, Barchaye Bank 4; Old Bronsleiens 2, Libs 1; Polytechnic 0, South Bank Poly 0; Alexandra Park 2, Royal Bank of Scotland 1; Bank of England 1; Old Westminster Cits 0; Cusco 1, Alleyn Old Boys 2; Lloyds Banks 3, Erenthean 0; Reigean Priory 1, Old Latymerians 1.

PRENCH LEAGUE: Mersellies 3, Metz 0; Moneco 0, Auzene 1; Nentes 0, Ulie 0; Bordesux 1, Caen 1; Cannes 3, Lyons 2; Brost 3, Nency 3; Pens Salin-Germain 1, Rennes 1; Touloute 1, Nice 2, Leading positionis: (after 20 metches): 1, Marsellies, 30pts; 2, Auxerre, 27; 3, Moneco, 28

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Berl 1, Sampdorfs 1; Bologne 1, Leoce 1; Geroe 4, Cesone 1; Internazionale 1, Florentine 1; Juventus 2; Capterl 2, Napies 2, Lazio 1; Parma 1, Ablenta 0; Pisa 2, Torino 0; AS Rome 0, AC Milan 0, Leading positions: 1, Internazionale, played 13, 19pts; 2, Juventus, 18: 3, Sampdorfe, 17, SPANISM LEAGUE: Athlado Bibboo 1, Rael Madrid 0.

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Todd 77
COWDETH (1) 2 STRANRAER (2) 1
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Melville 62 72
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Thomson 85
STRLING A (0) 1 STENSSAUR (1) 1
Moore 68

LEAGUE OF RRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 0, St Petrick's Athled 0, Derry City 6, Weserford United 2; Dundellt 1, Limetick 1 patendoned, 72min); Galwey United 0, Silgo Rovers 2; Shamrock Rovers 0, Bohemlans 2.

FOOTBALL

Entertainment still tops West Ham's order of priorities

By CLIVE WHITE

West Ham United0 Middlesbrough0

THEY may not be as cultured as in the days of Bobby Moore or Trevor Brooking or even Liam Brady, but in an age of fading values as well as fading skills it was good to see West Ham still putting enter-tainment first.

That it should be going hand in hand with success is heartening, too, in a division not noted for rewarding fine principles. West Ham never blew a bubble as voluminous as this one, still unpricked after 23 games stretching back to May.

Billy Bonds, their manager, has conceded that they are fortunate to have remained unbeaten for so long, but if anything they were the unlucky ones at Upton Park on Saturday Stirred by their desire to preserve Bonds's used to with balls flashing unbeaten home record since across the area. He needed to he took over as manager last adjust like the other Czecho-February as well as their own run, West Ham battered the Middlesbrough defence at I think he had become a better most without pause in a goalkeeper for playing in Eng-second half of mounting land," Bonds said. excitement.

brough's defence, in which the side that narrowly Pears and Mowbray were avoided relegation last season, upstanding, came out of it seemed poised to prick the rather well. Considering that bubble. Mustoe and Kerr West Ham were up against a worked tirelessly and intelli-

it was of three regulars, Mar-tin, Dicks and Foster, could feel pretty pleased with themselves, 100.

West Ham were also missing Bishop, their captain, in midfield and it could be more than three weeks before he

returns from ligament trouble. So well did West Ham's back four do after it had seemed initially that Potts's lack of inches might leave them wanting in an aerial battle, that Miklosko, their vast goalkeeper, was virtually untroubled.

Even with the little he had to do, it was not difficult to see why Bonds rated him second to nobody in the country. Some might have be-although he admitted he had mounted the two penalty aphis doubts at first

"I was a little worried last season. I thought he looked a bit dodgy. It was a different kind of game to what he was slovak over at Queen's Park Rangers. He worked hard and

For 45 minutes Middles-Needless to say, Middles- brough, unrecognisable from side with a most impressive gently in midfield while away record in the four di- Slaven and Baird put themplenty of gusto. But in the end Middlesbrough flattered to deceive.

In the second half they repeatedly and needlessly con-ceded possession, thereby inviting the pressure which West Ham were only too happy to heap upon them from the flanks of Keen and Slater.

Twice McAvennie might have scored with headers against someone less alert than Pears, who did particularly well when saving the second one which followed a header from Gale that McAvennie had rerouted few feet from the goalline.

peals which West Ham had rejected when Kerr was alleged to have tripped Breacker and Pears to have brought down Morley - but not Bonds. Honest to the core, he commented: "Morley's was no penalty and I am not sure about the first one. But the referee was in a better spot than me.'

What a pleasant change it made from the more typical managerial response about being robbed.

WEST HAM UNITED: L. Mildosko: T Breacker, G. Parris, A. Gale, S. Potta, C. Hughton, K. Keen, F. McAvannie, S. Steter, M. Allen, A. Mortey (sub: J. Cusim). MIDOLESBROUGH: S. Päerrs; C. Cooper, O. McGee, A. Mowbray, S. Coleman, J. Wark, B. Slavien, A. Mustos, I. Beird, P. Kerr, J. Hendrie (aub: S. Ripkey). Reference: A. Gurn.

The gloom lifts at Watford

STEVE Perryman is discovering that life at the bottom is not so bad after all (Louise Taylor writes). Watford may still be stuck to the foot of the second division, but in the four games since he became manager they have drawn twice and won

twice.

The latest success was by 2-0 and came at Millwall on Saturday. Perryman, however, readily admitted that the fact that his arrival coincided with the return of Gary Penrice, the former Bristol Rovers forward, from injury has beloed.

Penrice scored one, Paul Wilkinson claiming the other, at The Den, where Millwall, who started the season so well, experienced their seventh

wait is

prolonged

By CHRIS MOORE

TERRY Butcher's wait for his

first League win as a player-

manager goes on but he is experiencing some satisfaction

Coventry City...

Manchester United...

as well as frustration.

and crowd to stick to route one.

By contrast, Oldham Athletic, who stand second to West Ham United, have gone from strength to strength. They beat Wolver-kampton Wanderers 4-1 at Boundary Park, their goals supplied by Earl Barrett, Andy Ritchie and Roger Palmer

(twice). Sheffield Wednesday are third, but automatic promotion looks by no means a foregone conclusion. Wednesday have won only four League games at Hillsborough this season, and could do no better than draw 2-2 with Ipswich Town there on

Now Millwall must find a compromise between the desire of Bruce Rioch, their manager, to adhere to a passing game and the inclinations of the players and crowd to stick to pure one.

Colin West the West Brown.

wich Albion forward, became the latest player to have his life saved by a physiotherpaist after swallowing his tongue in the 0-0 home draw with Portsmouth.
Brian Talbot, the West
Bromwich manager, said: "Our
physio, John MacGowan, acted
quickly. He did a good job."
West spent the night in hospital.

Colin West, the West Brown-

 Notts County have put Gary Lund, their forward, on the transfer list. Lund has not

Grimsby, who attempted to play the more thoughtful football. A gifted, but enigmatic in-

dividualist, Kenny Achampong

goal against Preston North End to leave the East Enders third.

Achampong must share the credit with Paul Heald, the Orient goalkeeper, who made his second penalty save in

successive home games. In the fourth division, David

played in the first team since losing his place to David Regis in October.

Balding yesterday. "He's sound and hasn't lost a lot of the runner-up, suggests he said: "We wouldn't run him Aliysa scientist denies Fresh plan Carrick Hill Lad run report of misgivings to develop

"If the next attempt over now holds a strong hand as he fences is not a total success we contemplates the three novice

PROFESSOR Hans Branden-berger, who acted as scientific adviser to the disciplinary com-mittee of the Jockey Club in the case which lead to the dis-results were not through." case which lead to the dis-qualification of Aliysa from first place in the 1989 Oaks, yes-terday denied a report that he had been dissatisfied with the basis of the forensic evidence.

By Michael Seely

RACING CORRESPONDENT

MORLEY Street's surprise

defeat by Remittance Man

over fences at Ascot on Sat-

urday may yet result in Toby Balding's eight-year-old taking

on his stable companion,

Beech Road, in the Champion

Hurdle at Cheltenham next

might well consider switching

back to the Champion Hur-

dle," the Weyhill trainer said

As Richard Dunwoody and

commanding lead in the

Rovacabin Noel Novices'

Chase, Morley Street lost con-

fidence after an early mistake

and started to jump to the left

before eventually finishing

eight lengths adrift of the

"The horse is fine" said

Remittance Man built up a the trainer.

March.

yesterday.

winner.

Speaking from his home in Switzerland, the professor said:
"From what David Pipe of the
Jockey Club has told me over
the telephone this morning, it seems that I may have been misquoted. I will make a statement when I have read the article in question."

The claims made are somewhat startling. The Mail on Sunday report quoted the professor as saying that there should have been further investigations into the scientific evidence provided by the Aga Khan's experts and also by Newmarket's Horseracing Forensic Laboratory.

Brandenberger was quoted as saying: "Science is not a simple thing, particularly where the Thursday. Desert Orchid was metabolism is concerned. But also backed and is the 7-4 both parties wanted a decision favourite (from 9-4).

and legal advisers have been saying about the same thing." Gamble continues

Pipe commented yesterday:
"I have spoken to Professor

Brandenberger and he emphati-cally denies saying that further tests were required, or that the case should have been further

investigated."

Matthew McCloy, solicitor to
the Aga Khan, said: "If what the
article says is true, it vindicates

what His Highness has been saying about the method of

drug-testing in England. It also vindicates what His Highness's

and Michael Stoute's scientific

going to abandon the chasing

route yet. We might still go for

considering a switch to

Newbury as he seems happier

Remittance Man was im-

pressive when extending his

sequence of wins over fences

to three and Nicky Henderson

"Remittance Man will go for the 21/2-mile race, Acre Hill

the two miles and Sparkling

With both Beech Road and

Kribensis, champions in the

two previous seasons, both

under a cloud, the way looks

open for a new challenger and

Morley Street's versatile re-

Flame the three-miler," said

over a left-handed track."

chases at Kempton.

Sabin Du Loir, trained by Martin Pipe, again attracted heavy support yesterday for the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day. He is now 9-2 with Ladbrokes having been as high as 14-1 last

Kessem has Arc as long-term objective

From Graham Rock in Hong Kong

take a fractional advantage in the final furlong but he was inched out by Kessem under an inspired ride from Kevin

Moses. Trainer Brian Smith believes that Kessem can improve on the stable's second with Balmerino in the Prix de l'Arc de Tri-omphe, and he is considering challenging for the big race in the autumn.

"I was confident he would win today and he has further improvement in him," Smith New Zealand, and has named

added. Pelorus, one of the two Eng-lish challengers, blotted his copy book by refusing to enter the stalls and was withdrawn by the

KESSEM produced a startling burst of finishing speed to win the Hong Kong Invitation Cup at Sha Tin yesterday, the New Zealand-trained horse getting up in the shadow of the post to beat Livistona Lane by a head.

Livistona Lane appeared to and the hospitality have been marked to the office of the continuous in the continuous continuou success. Both the organisation and the hospitality have been marvellous."

Mister Riv was badly ham-

pered early in the straight and could finish only eighth while Dermot Weld's Milien was

Big-race result

Galeg: good

7.30am (GMT) MONG KONG SNYITATION
CUP (255.646: Im 19)

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(J Caseldy): 3. Colonial Chief (K L Oo).
ALSO RAN't Landyap (4th), Busy Win (5th),
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Trassure (10th), Tour Blade (11th), Stingrey (12th), Milliau (13th), 13 ran. Mft.
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looking scrapes. We are not contender. weight. The alternative is to go for a good-class conditions "If Morley Street was an-nounced as a definite runner, the Feltham Chase at we would make him second Kempton though we are favourite at 9-2," said Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes. Beech Road is their 3-1 favourite with Nomadic Way on offer at 7-1. Nomadic Way, runner-up to Kribensis last March, sustained an injury on a visit to

Kentucky in April for the Duelling Grounds Hurdle.
"He's fine now," said Barry Hills. "The plan is to go for the Haydock Park Champion Hurdle Trial in January and then the Wessel Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown, the

race he won last year." Jenny Pitman also showed us a possible Champion Hurdle candidate when her son Mark rode Wonder Man to a decisive win in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle. The plan now is to run Saturday's winner in cord this season, having in-cluded an impressive defeat of The Ladbroke at Leopards-Sabin Du Loir over burdles at town next month, but David Ascot when conceding 10lb to Stait, Mrs Pitman's assistant,

racecourse

From Our Irish RACING

CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

A FRESH attempt to win plan-

ning permission for the re-development of Phoenix Park

racecourse is being formulated.

Marcus Magnier, whose previous submission comprising

593 houses and a hotel came to

nothing last month, said yes-terday: "We will be going back to An Bord Pleanala in the New Year and I hope they will take a

more realistic approach to the

Phoenix Park, owned by a

partnership of Vincent O'Brien, Robert Sangster, John Magnier and Michael Smurfit, is not the

only course to close down and

only course to close down and then run into problems of redevelopment. Twenty years have passed since Baldoyle, on the northern side of Dublin Bay,

closed and the intervening de-cades have defied all efforts to

build a proposed housing estate.

• Saturday's meeting at Navan, which was abandoned because

of frost, will now be staged on

race and see how he gets on before deciding about future plans. It would be silly to start talking about the championship but he has earned the chance to have a look." Stait also had news about Toby Tobias, last March's

Cheltenham Gold Cup second. "Jenny is going to try and get permission to take him for a racecourse gallop but even if he gets it he won't take on Desert Orchid at Kempton if the going is firm. In that event, we would wait for the new race at Haydock."

The Long Walk Hurdle saw a return to winning form of David Elsworth's remarkable veteran Floyd, who took advantage of Bokaro's fall at the second last to win decisively.

The featured SGB Handicap was marred by the death of Full Strength, who broke an elbow at the water. Neale

hampion option for Morley Street Trainer Gordon Richards also had the bad luck to lose Tartan Takeover last week.

The race provided a remarkable spectacle as the top weight, Man O'Magic, looked to be the only horse beaten turning into the straight. But with the leaders having gone too fast, Mark Perrett conjured a remarkable run from Kim Bailey's nineyear-old to catch Karakter Reference close home.

The other featured chase, the Frogmore Handicap, saw a high-class performance by the top weight, Blazing Walker, who was repeating his course win last month for Arthur Stephenson and Chris Grant.

"He's got a bit of class," said the Durham trainer yesterday. "That mistake at the fourth was a blessing in disguise as it helped him to settle. I was worried that the distance might have been a bit short.

Cool Ground, who ran well when third to Twin Oaks at

the seven-year-old sustained

Tommy Whinle Chase. How-

ever, Jenny Pitman has not yet lost hope of last season's Sun Alliance Chase winner being on

parade.
"He strained a muscle in his

dependent on ground

CARRICK Hill Lad, the 7-2 to win the Chepstow stamina CARRICK Hill Lad, the 1/2 to win the Chepstow stamma favourite for the £30,000 Coral test for a record third consecutive time for Martin Pipe.

Cool Ground, who ran well when third to Twin Oaks at

urday. Haydock, has been heavily "He won't run unless the backed recently from 12-1 and is of good," trainer Gordon Richards said yesterday, "and we'd take him out if the going was good to firm," However, Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course, betting because of an injury to the seven was a late of an injury to the seven vesterday reported the ground to when such a promising second to Celtic Shot in Haydock's in perfect condition. Having only once run below

his best over fences, when unplaced behind Royal Athlete in Ascot's Reynoldstown Chase last February, Carrick Hill Lad looks well treated with only 10st 11lb, as does Toby Balding's Boraceva, whose 10st 2lb in-cludes a 4lb penalty for his defeat of Bonanza Boy in the Rehearsal Chase on the course recently.

"Boraceva is working well," said Balding, "and I couldn't be more pleased with him. I am

very bopeful." Boraceva is on offer at 5-1 with the sponsors, who offer Bonanza Boy at 11-2 as the top weight prepares for his attempt

ran. 2.30 1. Simple Pleasure (16-1): 2. East-em Casis (15-8 lav): 3. Hi Walle (13-2). 7

ran. 3.0 1, Easy Over (7-2 tav); 2, Good Mood (11-2); 3, Nickel Silver (12-1); 10 ran.

Lingfield Park

shoulder," said David Stait, Mrs. Pitman's assistant. "He is stiff rather than lame, Twenty four hours ago things looked hopeless, but they've got much

"We will give a lot of hosepipe and ice pack treatment. This is the crucial period. He's got to be

ready to exercise in time to have a pipe opener on Thursday. We're hopeful rather than

Saturday's results

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12.15 1, Remittence Man (2-1); 2, Mortey Street (8-15 fav); 3, Brave Defender (20-1), 5 ran.

12.50 1, Wonder Man (7-2); 2, Stratford Ponds (7-2); 3, Vayuus (9-1), Royal Derbi 7-4 fav. 6 ran.

1.20 1, Royal (10-1); 2, Ryde Again (7-2 j-fav); 3, Boscean Chieftan (50-1), Bolaro, Rodam 7-2 j-fav, 8 ran.

1.55 1, Man O'Negir (5-1); 2, Karakter Reference (11-2); 3, Okaetee (3-1), Futs Strength 7-4 fav. 6 ran.

2.50 1, Blazing Walker (4-1); 2, Thar-An-Bharr (13-2); 3, Hogmansy (9-2), Another Coral 7-2 fav. 7 ran.

3.0 1, Villa Recos (13-6 fav); 2, Re-Release (14-1); 3, Karnadoor (18-1), 15 ran.

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12.45 1, Reve De Valse (5-2 fav); 2, Rhodes (6-1; 3, Porro Heil (6-1), 25 ran.

1.16 1, Uncle Emite (2-1 fav; Mandarfer's pap); 2, Tidung (2-1); 3, Good Tonic (16-1), 8 ran. NR; Plagific Spaceage.

1.45 1, The Pappersus (5-1); 2, Ru Valentino (13-2); 3, Rustino (6-1); 4, Icarus (7-2 fav). 27 ran.

2.15 1, My Geasip (11-2); 2, Sooner Stat (11-2); 3, Pumper King (17-2), Rubika 13-6 fav. (0 ran. NR; Sandiciffe Boy.

2.45 1, Pighting Jasseica (4-1); 2, Smooth Escort (3-1); 3, Arctic Teal (5-1), Parsone Green 11-4 fav. 11 ran.

3.15 1, Menday Cabo (7-1); 2, Emperors Warntor (6-1); 3, Emsee-H (13-2); 4, Hostile Act (25-1), Seminary (11-4 fav. 25 ran. Edinburgh

12.30 1, Orto Et Violet (2-1); 2, Eastern Leaders over the jumps

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D Nicholson 30 25 9 7 +7.59	M Dwyer 41 31 20 0 +6.76
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M H Easterby 20 13 7 3 -10.79	L Wyer 24 14 16 7 -21.39

Past Glories at Cheltenham

Whisper (7-1); 3, Tres Amigos (14-1). San Pier Nicoto 10-11 fev. 5 ran. 1.0 1, Comedy Fair (9-2); 2, Golden Fancy (11-1); 3, Doronicum (85-40). Bar-ony iste 11-5 fev. 5 ran. 1.30 1, Caroused Calypse (33-1); 2, Strong Breeze (8-1); 3, Palanquin (12-1), Padeventure 5-4 fev. 10 ran. 2.0 1, Nassier Salesman (5-2); 2, Abso-nant (8-13 fav); 3, in The Breeze (5-1), 3 ran. PAST Glories, third in last season's Champion Hurdle, re-turns to Cheltenham for his seasonal debut in the Spa Hurdle at the New Year meeting. The seven-year-old was due to run there nine days ago but the meeting was snowbound Trainer James Hetherton is

anxious to give Past Glories a racecourse gallop before the Spa Hurdle, after which the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown is a possible



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Coventry's position in the relegation zone is providing a close-up view of the job's greatest pressures. But Butcher's morale is being lifted by some splendid individual perfor-Among these was the display

of Regis at Highfield Road on Saturday, when victory was whipped away from Coventry by Wallace's injury-time equaliser. "He will need to build himself an extension at home to hold all of his man-of-the-match awards if he continues to play like that,"

"He's playing as well as at any time in his career. I know when I played against him I never enjoyed it because I could never get the ball off him."

There were times when United must have known exactly how Butcher felt as Regis tormented them, highlighting a superb 90 minutes with a second-half goal that seemed certain to seal that elusive first win.

United had gone ahead after five minutes through Hughes, who swivelled stylishly and shot from 12 yards but Gallacher, the Scottish winger, launched Coventry's recovery with an equaliser in the 39th minute.

Ferguson gave Bryan Rohson another run as substitute and in his 20 minutes on the field the enough to suggest that it would match at Underhill in the be no risk to give him a full directors box. For the second game soon. It was his firm half, Fry, whose doctor has told him to take things more quietly, was back by the touchline. You consider that brought the late

With the bonus of Robson's return ahead, added to the knowledge that Coventy were players were reflected by the knowledge that Coventry were denied penalties that looked legitimate, Ferguson's festive season has started promisingly

"I would not have argued had they been given a penalty before half-time," he said. "But at one time I thought Coventry had given in and we could have been two or three goals up. Then we took our foot off the pedal."

took our foot off the pecual COVENTRY CITY: S Cortrovic, B Sor-nava, P Edwards, L McGrath (sub: D Emerson), P Being, T Peake, K Geascher, M Gynn, C Regis, K Drinkell, D Smith. M Gynn, C Regis, K Drinkell, D Smith. MANCHESTER UNITED: L Seeley: C Stechmore, L Sharpe (sub: B Robson), S Stechmore, L Sharpe (sub: B Robson), S Bruce, M Phelen, G Pallister, N Webb, P Bruce, M Phelen, G Pallister, M Hugnes,

Butcher's Angell a guardian of good fortune

WHEN a League transfer tribunal decided on a £100,000 fee for Brett Angell during the summer, many people thought that Stockport County had profited handsomely by a decision which forced Southend United the county had profited handsomely by a decision which forced Southend United the county over the odds.

LOUISE TAYLOR reviews the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions are the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions are the third and fourth divisions are the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions are the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions the third and fourth divisions that the third and fourth divisions the third and fourth divisions the third and fourth divisions that the third and fou

How wrong they were. Although the forward failed to score during Southend's 2-0 win over Grimsby Town on Saturday he played a constant to the score that would have reflected for the score during Southend's 2-0 win harshly on second-placed Grimsby, who attempted to play the many the score that the score in the second half, but that would have reflected to the score in the second half, but the score in the score i urday, he played a central role in extending Southend's lead in the

third division to seven points.

Angell's appearance is deceptive. Ungainly and apparently ill co-ordinated, he still possessed the pace and perseverance that repeatedly threw the Grimsby

and dividualist, Kenny Achampong is a different type of forward to Angell. He was in harmony with his colleagues on Saturday however, scoring Leyton Orient's goal against Preston North End to leave the Fact Enders third. esence into disarray.

He and Ian Benjamin, tech-

rically the better player, have a voracious appetite for chasing long balls, the basis of Southend's game, and their success on Saturday left Grimsby pursuing a lost cause. If an up-and-under approach that must bruise the ozone layer

why we cannot do what Wimbledon did," he said.

Barnet ..

In the fourth division, David Crown, Angell's predecessor at Southend, scored three times as Gillingham beat fourth-placed Buraley 3-2. Northampton Town, the leaders, followed up last week's FA Cup exit to non-League Barnet by sinking 4-1 at Carlisle United. Torquay is far from pretty, David Webb, the Southend manager, is not perturbed. "There is no reason

Like their role models, Southend score many goals from set pieces, and Saturday's second derived from this route, David Martin heading Steve Tilson's 45th-minute free kick home. The first came in the third

Carlisle United. Torquay United, who are second, succumbed 3-0 at Darlington.
SOUTHERD UNITED: P Sensone; D Austin, C Powel, D Martin, S Prior, S Tason, P Clerkes, P Budler, A Locke, I Benjamin, B Angel.
GRINISEY TOWN: S Sherwood; J McDermott (suft: C Hergingraves), K Jobing, A Tillson, M Lever, S Cutningham, T Watson (suft: G Berlies), D Gibert, A Rees, J Cockerli, N Woods.
Referee: D Frampton. minute when Steve Sherwood could only parry a cross follow-ing a free kick, and the ball fell to

ager, had clearly been ready to accept defeat. "Sometimes Christmas arrives early," he curtailed by Barrett By WALTER GAMMIE

> Cheltenham Town...... 1 BARRY Fry, the Barnet man-ager, under chairman's orders, spent the first half of Saturday's GM Vauxhall Conference its path. Chehenham, who had scored with a penalty by Willers in between the Barnet goals, enjoyed some spells of fluent atacking, in which Casey and Brain combined well.

cannot change a lifetime's hab-its." he said. His passionate involvement revelation in the programme by Paul Richardson, the midfield player, that "a happy Barry Fry at half-time" was the person he would most like to meet.

Fry's verdict after a match in

which Barnet were repeatedly foiled by Barrett, a brave goalkeeper, was that his team "were tired and played very lethargically.

There were no complaints about two splendid pieces of finishing that clinched victory. In the first half, Bull feinted to send two defenders the wrong way and expertly curled a left-foot shot round the advancing

goal in the sixtieth minute when he ran onto a knockdown from Cooper's corner and hit a shot of stunning power that would have knocked senseless anybody in

BRAIN COMITIES WILLOW, G Cooper, M Bodiey, R Nugent, P Richardson, T Lynch (seit: F Murphy), A Clarke, G Bull, W Turner (seit: E Stein), K Durhem.
CHELTEMAM TOWN: M Berrett; P Biomined, T Susar, P Brogan (seit: S Crouch), P Williams (suit: C Burns), M Gernhard, K Williams, S Brain, M Cassy, M Buckland, N Jordan.

Referee: K Lynch. • Kidderminster Harriers plan a protest to the GM Vanxhall Conference following the 1-0 home defeat by Altrincham. Police twice had to move into the directors' box to speak to the Altrincham chairman, Jeff Lloyd, during the game, in which seven players were booked and Altrincham's Gary

The club are to investigate

claims that several Altrincham

players made obscene gestures to the crowd and that Kidder-

minster players were subjected

Anderson was sent off.

said of his lightly-raced five-year-old. "The Arc is a long way away but we are definitely considering sending him over." Smith trains at Cambridge, his stables Newmarket. "There will only ever be one Balmerino. but this is a very good horse," he

stewards but David Elsworth's Landyap finished strongly under Tony Ives and would have deprived the Malaysian-trained Colonial Chief of third place in one more stride.

never travelling well and came home last of the 13 runners. A record crowd of 82,000 watched the fourth running of the Hong Kong Invitation Cup, but the first to which European challengers had been invited.

O'Neill returns Seamus O'Neill, out of action for a week after an injuring an elbow in a fall at Doncaster, plans to resume at Bangor on Wednesday. He rides Sillian in the novices' chase. and Dr L. The enga

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From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, MUNICH

THE Grand Slam Cup gained who puts a tick against the "no the champion it needed, publicity" box. though not in the way it would Brad Gilbert, which earned I am king of the grand slams," him \$2 million (about £1,03 he said. In time, he might see million), the biggest cheque in his win differently, but yestennis history, brought back terday it simply marked the memories of his triumph in end of a momentous and the US Open final, but did profitable year for the Califorlittle to wipe away the rather clearer memories of the un-seemly confrontation between Gilbert and David Wheaton during their five-set semifinal, which led to both players being fined \$5,000 for

"unsportsmanlike conduct". The simple truth, as Agassi found to his cost in the US Open final, and Chang in the semi-final here, is that when Sampras finds the range on his big serve, the argument is as good as over. He hit 16 aces in the 103 minutes of the rout, including seven in two games match to one-sided anti-climax. Sampras seemed to feel simply shook hands and propulsion. walked to his chair, hardly the

teresting mainly to statisticians, who could clock up "I won an exhibition worth Sampras's aces with monothave wanted here yesterday, a lot of money. When I won onous regularity, and the one member of the Brad Gilbert The confidence and ease of the US Open I was more in fan club (Munich branch). But Pete Sampras's victory over awe than I am now. I don't feel not even his cries nor his own

self-chastisement could ac-

tivate Gilbert, who had ac-

cepted his fate long before the

He had enjoyed an in-

credible week, courtesy of

Agassi's withdrawal, been at

the heart of much that was

good - his naked enthusiasm

and professionalism - and bad - his baiting of the gentle

Wheaton in the semi-final -

during the first week of the

Compaq Grand Slam Cup and

he had never swayed from his

Republican view that the play-

ers deserve the money they earn, refreshing honesty in a

sea of humbug. "I feel I came second in a great event," he

"From midway through the

second set, I felt helpless. He

wasn't just outserving me, he

was outhitting me from the

Just how big became appar-

ent in the second set, in which

Gilbert won just five points on

Sampras's serve. It was not

that he was missing returns, he

was not getting near enough to the ball to do anything coher-

ent at all. Sampras took both

the first two sets with aces and missed by a whisker on match

"Becker, Ivanisevic,

Sampras. They are all depress-

ing to face, but what makes

Pete so difficult is that he hits

the ball very close to his hand,

like Roscoe Tanner, so you

have to guess which way it is

going," Gilbert said. So demoralised was Gilbert by

the third set, as one final

chance to break was ended with thudding predictability,

that his only response was a

cry of frustration: "Why does

he always hit aces?" Later, he

answered his own question,

Sampras has star quality and

Saturday

R A Smith b Mont

New Zealand won toss

*@ A Gooch b Harris Attempting big hit wide of mid-on

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Total (for 6 wkts, 50 overs, 209min

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Extras (b 1, ib 4, w 4, nb5) .

Man of the match: M D Crows.

of Leslie Ames.

Umpires: S G Randell and C D Timmins

Total (for 2 wkts, 44.3 overs, 187min) 204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109 (Crown 46), 2-178 (Jones 34).

A H Jones not out .

P C R Tufnell, A R C Fraser and D E Malcolm did not bet

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27 (Gooch 11), 2-99 (Smith 32), 3-115 (Smith 36), 4-122 (Morris 4), 5-143 (Stewart 7), 6-148 (Stewart 9).

BOWLING: Pringle 10-1-38-0 tw (5-1-14-0), (5-0-22-0); Petrie 10-1-32-2 tw (7-1-21-1), (3-0-11-1); Morrison 10-2-41-1 (4-2-7-0), (3-0-9-1), (3-0-25-0); Wetson 10-0-40-0 1nb 2w (6-0-22-0), (4-0-18-0); Harris 8-0-38-1 (one spell); Latham 2-0-10-0

K R Rutherford, †B A Young, C Z Harris, R G Petrie, C Pringle, D K Morrison and W Watson did not bat.

BOWLING: Fraser 9-2-38-0 (5-1-21-0), (3-1-7-0), (1-0-10-0); Malcolm 8-0-56-1 4nb 2w (4-0-21-0), (2-0-22-0), (2-0-13-1); DeFreitas 8-0-31-0 (5-0-23-0), (3-0-8-0); Lewis 9-3-1-31-0 1nb 2w (6-1-19-0), (2-0-8-0), (1.3-0-5-0); Tufnell 10-0-43-1 (one

J E Morris o Young to Petrie . Edged deb shat to keeper

C C Lewis run out (Wright) Late to start on short sing

P A J DeFreitzs not out

baseline and when that happens you know you have

nian, aged 19, who donated \$250,000 - more than he will earn if he wins the Australian Open, his next goal, in the new year - to the Cerebral Palsy

Of the match, there is not much to add. Never has racket been put to ball so little for so much in the history of the game. After just when he had glimpses of a break, Gilbert knew he would have to stick at \$1 million for his week's work. In a piece of scheduling, worthy of the final weekend of the US Open, he had just 16 early in the third set, to reduce hours to recover from his Gilbert to helplessness and the controversial four-hour marathon against Wheaton the previous day and even more it, too. As he completed his 6- than usual seemed to have 3. 6-4, 6-2 win, Sampras trouble with forward

As Sampras was suffering reaction of the pools winner. from blisters, it made for a

Fine for Gilbert and Wheaton

By Andrew Longmore

BRAD Gilbert and David overrule as a result of Gilbert's Wheaton were fined \$5,000 each for "unsportsmanlike conduct" after a beated exchange during the semi-final. Only rapid intervention by Ken Farrar, the cournament referee, stopped the two Americans from coming to two Americans from coming to blows as they squared up to each other during a changeover at the further words were exchanged at

initially by Wheaton, who verbally assaulted Gilbert, but Gilbert escalated it by charging over to his opponent's bench. Farrar said. "Both players are therefore guilty of provocation. Clearly, this misconduct is detri-mental to the sport."

Wheaten also accused Ste-phen Winyard, the umpire, of making a "million-dollar mistake" in overruling a line call on a crucial point in the third set tie-break, a decision which started the argument. Wheaton felt that Winyard had made the for a tennis match.

CYCLING

Kelly falls

to the

amateurs

By Peter Bryan

virulent protests. "He [Gilbert] started crying and whining and then he got his way like a child." Wheaton's case was taken up

by his brother, John, who went round to the far side of the court end of the third set. the changeover, the two pla "The incident was caused stood staring at each other "It was just the heat of the moment." Gilbert said. "We were playing for a lot of money.

> Clearly Farrar saw it the same way, because in the context of the \$6 million prize-money on career prize-money by winning \$2 million, Gilbert won \$1 million - a \$5,000 fine is hardly adequate punishment for an incident seen by reputedly the largest television audience ever

It wasn't good for the sport, but

it was quick and that was it."

he's only 19. Only one comes along in ten years. I might have bought some bad stock in my life, but I'd sure like to

buy some stock in him."

the Johnnie Walker Asian Classic here, scoring 68 in his final round on Saturday to finish with a total of 270. Ian Woosnam was

SEAN Kelly, third in this year's World Cup after winning the title last year, ended his road season yesterday with a defeat runner-up.
"It's been a good year and over his home roads at Carrickon-Suir, Tipperary.
The 30-mile Christmas handithere is no better way to finish it than with a win," the Masters cap race, which started, approand Open champion said. cap race, which started, appro-priately, in Sean Kelly Square, had drawn an entry of nearly 150 amateurs, all keen to de-throne the Irish champion and There was a lot of pressure. I wanted to win and everybody

held up."

Mike Clayton, of Australia,
Mike Clayton shots of Faldo inclined to observe the spirit of Christmas. The three trish professionals came within two shots of Faldo after 12 boles but three birdies in the race, Kelly, his team colleague, Martin Earley and from Faldo on the inward half Laurence Roche, younger brother of the former Tour de blunted all challenges. "I was never really in the hunt," Clay-ton, who had a final round of 67, France winner and world champion, Stephen Roche, were on

said. "I thought Faldo would get scratch mark but found the five a few birdies. minutes allowance to the main Woosnam faltered when he group just too much to wipe out. dropped strokes at the third and Another Carrick rider, Tony Ryan, led in Kevin Mullins, of sixth holes. "I was a bit unlucky. I had a bad lie in the sand at the Charleville, for a sprint finish. third hole and had to come out Kelly finished fourth, 30 secsideways," he said. "I did not get any breaks and have ended second again. I will not be onds behind and alongside third-placed John Sheehan, of hitting any balls for a while. I am going to take a break until March." Kelly is not competing for the

SOXING: Screensport 19.00-11.30 and 23.30-01.00: Professional events. BSB 22.30-23.30: Superbouts. CURLENG: Europort 21.00-22.00: Europort 21.00: Europort

pasn championships from Norway.
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BBC1 20.45-23.35: Show jumping from
Champing

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POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:

Screensport 07,00-08.00.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 13,00
14,00: Raklycross from Lydden Hill,

Eurosport 19,00-20,00.

RACNEE BSS 23,30-midnight: Racing mass.

RUGBY LEAGUE: ISSB 15:30-17:00. RUGBY UNION: Screensport 17:30-19:00: Custer final: Wellington, Cusersland, Figi and Banco de Nación from Toulouse. SKIBMC: Eurosport 14:30-15:30: World Cup. Screensport 15:00-16:00: Pro-bour.

SNOOKER: Eurosport 12.30-14.30 and 23.30-01.30: Dubai Classic.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 13,25, 18,00, 19,30, 22,00 and midnight.

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 01.10-02.10

VOLLEYBALL: Screeneport 16,00-17.00:

TENPEN BOWLING: Se

WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: 8 12.00-13.00.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 15.30-17.00

TODAY'S FIXTURES

next six weeks before lining up for the first stage race of 1991. Faldo also plans to have a lengthy rest. "I will be spending time with the kids and building

7.30 unless stated FA Cup Second round

Mansfield v York.

Second round replays

Tennents Scottish Cup

First round replay

Dumbarton v Montros

Bob Lord Trophy

Second round

Welling v Barnet.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Leicester v Derby; Sheffield Utd v Sheffield Waringothy

ford Uts v Brighten.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE Locate Trophy-First round: Runsip Menor v Rain-tam. AC beloe: Third round: Harinev v Kingstonian. V/ENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: President's Gup: Aldershot v Cembridge Uts.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Show jumping championships (Diymple, London).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Eurosport 21,00-22,00 and ITV 04,00-05,00 (tomor-

BASKETBALL: Europort 15.30-16.30: European Cup.

BILLIARDS: Eurosport 10.00-11.00: Three-cushkin event from Meiorca.

Winning finish to Faldo's fine year

HONG KONG (Reuter) - Nick snowmen," he told the crowd after receiving his winner's with a victory by four shots in cheque of £26,000. "It's been a long old haul this year. Faldo said that he had felt no

reaction to the trapped nerve in his right wrist which forced him to pull out of the Australian Classic a week earlier. "That was a good decision. I have had some ice treatment and have not hit a single practice ball. To hell with [David] Leadbetter," he said in a jocular reference to his mentor. "Actually, I changed the swing a little a few weeks ago expected me to win. I was pleased with the way the swing with David and this was its first taste of pressure. I was pleased

> Faldo, who took the lead after a third-round 62, was talkative and personable after his win, in contrast to his mood after his

how it stood up."

He said that he still had work to do on his swing. "I have to polish the little bits until they are spot on. When you are playing in the majors you have got to know you have the shot for every situation," he said.

LEADMOR PMAL SCORES: 27th: N Faido (GB), 72, 88, 62, 68, 274: I Woosnam (GB), 99, 68, 70, 67, 27th: M Clayton (Aun.), 72, 70, 66, 67, 27th: Clayton (Aun.), 72, 70, 66, 67, 27th: Clayton (Aun.), 72, 70, 68, 70, 27th: Clayton (LS), 69, 69, 69, 27th: Ratherty (GB), 67, 69, 69, 69, 27th: Ratherty (GB), 67, 69, 69, 73, 27th: R Zolfon (Can.), 70, 69, 69, 73, 71th: R Zolfon (Can.), 70, 69, 69, 73, 71th: R Zolfon (Can.), 70, 69, 69, 73, 71th: R Zolfon (Can.), 70, 69, 69, 73, 74, 65, 65, 281th: M Lanner (Swe), 71, 70, 71, 89; M Rameyah (Mellaysia), 72, 70, 68, 71.

Nottinghamshire and Kent both lose great stalwarts

Hero of the Gabba: Dean Jones on the attack during his record-breaking 145 against England at Brisbane. It

was the highest innings played by an Australian batsman in limited-overs internationals. Reports, page 32

SCOREBOARDS FROM BRISBANE

Yesterday

Australia won toss

D C Boon lbw Fraser

es c Tutnell b DeF

ove to short mid-wicket

Attempting forcing shot to onside
W Landes b O'Donnell
Payed on to Inswinger
A J Lamb c Border b Matthews
Deceived by change of pace

Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 5, nb 1).

Total (7 witts, 50 overs, 202min)

P C R Tufnell and A R C Fraser did not be

AUSTRALIA

Extras (b 3, ib 12, w 7, rib 1) 23
Total (5 wixts, 50 overs, 20 imin) 283
G R J Matthews, †1 A Heaty, B A Reid and C G Rackernann did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24 (Marsh 10), 2-209 (Jones 102), 3-261 (S Waugh 5), 4272 (S Waugh 10), 5-272 (S Waugh 10).
EOWLING: Fraser 10-1-47-1 frib (5-1-17-1), (5-0-30-0); Biotnell 10-0-64-1 rib1 4w
(7-0-33-0), (3-0-31-1); Defreits: 10-0-57-3 (5-0-19-0), (3-0-21-0), (2-0-17-3);
Hemmargs 10-0-57-0 (8-0-44-0), (2-0-13-0); Turnell 10-0-43-0 (one spell).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26 (Gooch 4), 2-104 (Gooch 41), 3-121 (Stewart 17), 4-141 (Stewart 31), 5-151 (Morris 0), 6-174 (DeFreitas 7), 7-213 (DeFreitas 20).

| BOWLING: Reid 10-1-41-0 Inb 2w (5-1-15-0), (5-0-25-0); (Dominal 10-2-43-1 Inb 1w (7-1-31-1), (3-1-12-0); Rackemann 10-0-41-1 Inb 1w (7-0-33-0), (3-0-8-1); S Waugh 4-0-20-0 Iw (one spell); Matthews 10-0-54-3 (one spell); M Waugh 4-0-23-0 (one spell); Border 1-0-9-0, Jones 1-0-8-0.

Umpires: A R Crafter and L J King.

Pakistan's

request

is rejected

DELHI (Reuter) - Indian of-

ficials have refused Pakistan's

request for a postponement of

the Asia Cup and said on Saturday that the tournament

would go ahead as scheduled. Pakistan said on Thursday

that they wanted to postpone indefinitely both the Asia Cup and a planned tour of India

early next year because of Hindu-Muslim riots.

Pakistan participate or not," Jagnohan Dalmiya, the sec-retary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said.

one-day competition, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, had confirmed

that they would still play and the Cup would start as planned on December 25.

Dalmiya said he had sought,

without success, clarification from Pakistan on whether they

would still play. "We have to decide in the next two days," he

He said the other sides in the

"The Asia Cup is on whether

County Cricket Club as a player and administrator for more than Baddiley, aged 73, had been Notingham's president for five 40 years until his retirement at the end of last season, has died as the result of a car accident. cars, although he retired from his post on the club committee after 32 years service last Feb-ruary. Eight of his years spent on Page, who was 60 and lived near Maidstone, was returning home from a coaching session in Sevenoaks on Friday night the committee were as

when the accident occurred. chairman. He took more than 500 wickets for Kent before he became captain of the second hours in hospital at Worksop after a lengthy illness. XI. He progressed to coach and David Hughes, aged 43, Lanhen manage on the retirement cashire's captain is to have a second testimonial in 1992. His

Page, who in recent years had first, in 1981, raised £76,000. Hughes, who has been in charge of the side for the last been the county's director of youth coaching, had been responsible for grooming many of Kent's leading players of his time, including former England players in Alan Knott, Derek Undergood and Pab New Yorks four years after previously captaining the second team, has led Lancashire to success in all Underwood and Bob Woolmer. Nottinghamshire County Cricket club were yesterday mourning their highly respected two-year playing contract but he is likely to step down as captain in 1992 with Neil Fairbrother president and long serving com-mittee member, Jack Baddiley, who was known throughout the

three limited-overs compe-Lancashire have given him a

English game and widely ac-claimed as one of its finest reputation and price tag on reputation and price tag on Saturday with a half-century for Queensland in their Sheffield Shield match against South

Australia (Reuter reports).
However, not even a stylish
67 from the Zimbabwean-born batsman, who becomes eligible to play for England next year, could prevent South Australia taking a firm grip on the four-At the close of the second day

Queensland were 197 for five, with their opening batsman Steve Monty undefeated after a defiant 66, in reply to South Australia's imposing first in-nings total of 476.

It was Hick's best effort for Queensland this season after managing only one other dou-ble-figure score in his previous

ee innings. Hick looked to be set for a big innings when he fell leg-before wicket, without offering a stroke, to the former Test off spinner, Tim May, who has taken three for 53 from 34 overs. SNOOKER

White said before the tour-nament that he was increasingly irritated at being described as the best player never to have won the world championship" He believes he can improve on his record of being runner-up twice, especially after such an important victory over the world champion, who was pre-viously unbeaten in 21 successive matches in Britain

White, aged 28 and ranked fourth in the world, said: "If I didn't believe I could win the

Nobody has ever doubted White's abilty; his lack of dedication and particularly his

and although, until Brentwood, results were still not going his way he was getting more and more prickly about it, which was a good sign. Determined to defend his title, he destroyed Terry Griffiths 9-2 in the semifinals and showed new resolve when, after Hendry had recov-ered from 7-2 to 7-6 behind on Friday night, White put him to the sword once more to lead 10-

out mercy. He allowed Hendry just one frame in the afternoon session as breaks of 94, 50, 52 and 51 put him 17-7 ahead and on Saturday night after allowing Hendry some salvaged pride, White finished him off.

The Scot's defeat was emhad be not been suffering from a

cheque, added to the bonus high-break prize of £10,000 for his magnificent 142 total clearance on Friday boosted his earnings this season to £368,000.

My only hope against Jimmy was to win the Saturday afternoon session. I've had a great run but I don't intend to make a

SWIMMING

Deakins looks ready to have a ball in Perth

By CRAIG LORD

THE juxtaposition of coming of lish team for the Common age at home in Britain on the eve of your coming-out party on a world stage sits comfortably with Joanne Deakins.

For Deakins, becoming the first British woman to break 2min 13sec for 200 metres backstroke on the eve of leaving for the world championships in Perth, Australia, is like being presented with a designer dress the night before your first ball True to her modest nature, the Evesham schoolgirl, aged 18, rather than waiting for her home crowd at the Gloucester Ecclesiastical Life grand prix to give her a glorious send-off, provided all with an early Christmas feast. Displaying her high-riding fast-repitition stroke, Deakins clocked 2min 12.67sec, 0.62sec

faster than the record she set in June, to place herself in the top five in the world this year over short-course (25-metre pool). A year ago, Deakins, a then promising youngster, finished third at the national champion-ships, behind Kathy Read of

wealth Games in Auckland.
Once in New Zealand,
Deakins's day came to pass. A
British record of 2min 14.74sec for fourth place in the 200 metres spurred her on to an English record of 1 min 04.03sec in the 100 metres and a silver medal in the 400 metres medley relay.

At the summer nationals, she was beaten by Helen Slatter, of Warrington. Some wondered whether Deakins was ready to come of age. The answer came with victory at the winter nationals last month. One of few swimmers who admits to enjoying training, Deakins said: "I feel the pres-

sure of no longer being the underdog in Britain, but it's made me work harder. I didn' expect to go under 2:13 since haven't rested. It's great." Deakins and her coach, Henry Meinike, already have in mind year of devotion to the Barrelona Olympic Games. Mean-while, the debutante intends to

ATHLETICS

likely to take over from him. • ADELAIDE: Graeme Hick

Martin could put Britain back on map

EAMONN Martin, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, made an encourag-ing start to his cross-country season by easily winning the Essex championship at Colchester on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes). The Basildon runner finished 27 seconds ahead of the runner-up. Julian Gentry.

Martin is one of several former national champions who could help restore British crosscountry running to its former glory this winter. Bud Baldaro, the new national cross-country coach, has received assurance from a number of the country's leading exponents of the event, including Martin, that they are interested in taking part in next vear's world championships in

Antwerp. Mark Hudspith, of Morpeth, won the northeast counties championship, surprisingly beating Colin Walker, the Brit-ish steeplechase international, by more than 50 metres.

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YACHTING

French close gap on Martin

continued to grow. Mike Plant, the sixth-placed American, re-

ported that his 60ft yacht, Duracell, was taking in 50 gallons of water a day and he had lost all his spinnakers, a

problem also faced by Isabella

Autissier, the only women left in the race, who dropped two places to eighth yesterday.

Another American with trou-

bles was Jack Boye, sailing the

AS JOHN Martin, of South AS JOHN Marin, or some Africa, edged northwards last night to within 800 miles of Sydney and the finish of the second stage of the BOC single-handed round the world race, his simple became the care the care. his rivals began to close the gap (Barry Pickthall writes).

Alain Gautier and Christophe Auguin, the two Frenchman vying for second place, had been 370 miles astern on Friday, but by noon yesterday they had reduced the margin to 212 miles after Martin, in his 60ft Allied

Bank, had run into calms, SYDNEY - Western Port Ven-

Pacific offshore championship here yesterday (Bob Ross writes). She leads the series by half a point. Owned by Peter Grant and

yacht Project City Kids. Trailing 1,600 miles behind the leader, knot northeasterly breeze and confused sea, she won the 25nautical-mile Olympic-course

fourth-placed division

Boye is considering pulling in to Albany, Western Australia, after losing all his forward halyards

losing all his forward halyards and darnaging the spreaders on his 50-footer.

LEADING POSTIONS (at 12.31 GMT yesserday, with mises to Sydney! Cises 1: 1. Allied Benk (J. Martin, SA), 845 mises; 2. General Concord (J. Gestier, Fr), 1.057: 3. Groupe Scets (C. Auguin, Fr), 1.082: 4. Creat Agricole (P. Jesmtol, Fr), 1.283: 6. Dursos (M. Piant, U.S.), 1.283: 7. Jarken (K. Birties, Aug.), 1.251; 8. Ecureui PC (J. Austissier, Fr), 1.453: 3. BBV Expo '32 (J. Ugarto, S.), 1.543: 10. Grinsitor (B. Reec. SA), 1.542; Claes 2: 1. Servant (Y. Oupsaquier, Fr), 1.475: 2. New Spirit of Ipswert (J. Half, GB), 2.102.

Revamped One Tonner takes lead

ture, a three-year-old One Ton-ner given new life by her British race by 53 seconds on corrected designer, Ed Dubois, won the second race of the NorTel Asia time from Prime Factor. Sagacious V, third, broke the start. Rothmans, with Lawrie Smith, was first to finish.

Owned by Peter Grant and Les Martyn, of Victoria, Western Port Venture is carrying two square metres more area in a broader-girthed mainsail. Steered by Ian Walker in a 16
HEBULTS: Second race FOR Claim 1: 1. West-m Port Venture (Parad), 000 Parad (Parad), 000 Parad (Parad), 222.19; 3. Segondus V (G. Appleby), 222.19; Progress points: 1. West-Parad (Parad), 227.19; 3. Segondus V (G. Appleby), 222.19; Progress points: 1. West-Parad (Parad), 227.19; 3. Segondus V (G. Appleby), 222.19; Progress points: 1. West-Parad (Parad), 227.19; 3. Segondus V (G. Appleby), 222.19; 4. Segondus V (G. Appleby), 22

Dull Moment (C Wilson), 231.59: 3, Dow Air (Ferr Lap Syndicus), 235.51. Progress points: 1, Never A Dull Moment, 51.5, 2, Hisuper, 51: 3, Dow Air, 46,0, likes Class IR: 1, Sweet Caroline (S Ellis, Hong Kongl, 225.18: 2, Patrie And Hum (N Kathemoro, Japan), 226.31: 3, Brindsbelle (G Snow), 226.44, Progress polete: 1, Sweet Caroline, 35; 2, Factle And Hum, 32.5; 3, Brindsbelle, 25.5.

The US boat, Freedom's Wing, skippered by Pete Melvin, yesterday won the first race of the elimination series for the Little America's Cup, sailed in International C Class cata-marans on Port Phillip Bay.

The man who swept England's hopes away White the romantic with a cause By STEVE ACTESON

ITMMY White's successful defence of his Coalite world matchplay title, by beating Ste-phen Hendry 18-9 in the final at Brentwood on Saturday, vindicated a pledge he made more to himself than to anybody else: that he was determined to be a player to be feared again. He is not only that, but also one to be envied, for the first prize was

world championship and be-come world No. 1, I'd pack the game up. I certainly believe I'm as good, if not better, as Hendry and Steve Davis. I know Stephen has been playing really well this season but I've never envied him. I've been too busy

thinking about myself.
"I'm not being disrespectful, but it's a joke how I kept getting beaten by so many mugs. There were guys thinking I wasn't really on the scene any more, they didn't believe I could be the main man because I was giving them so many easy chances Well, now I'm totally prepared for the rest of the season, and much more so than when I won this last year, and winning the world championship is my burning ambition."

unwillingness to practice made many of his admirers realize that they were not only backing a romantic but too often a lost This season White has been putting in the time on the table

6 overnight.
On Saturday, White was with-

phatic. Hendry would have been an entirely different proposition nasty head cold but, to his credit, he refused to make it an Hendry has set several

records this season and most remain unblemished. He has for example, won five successive world ranking events, the matchplay not being one as it is an invitational tournament, and Hendry's record of 31 successive victories in those will live on at least until he tackles the next ranking event, the Mercantile Credit Classic, at Bournemouth in January, His £40,000 runners-up

If he had to lose, then the

matchplay, which carries no ranking points, was a good place to do it. especially at this time of year. Hendry said: "I've got to recharge my batteries. I haven't stopped since August. I felt really rough and I'll be taking a ten day holiday from Tuesday evening

habit of losing."

RESILT: Final: J White (Eng) bt S Hendry-(Scot), 18-6. Frame Scores (White first): 64-20, 68-65, 31-73, 48-64, 58-6, 84-1, 76-54, 67-24, 68-44, 33-108, 0-142, 24-70, 2-133, 77-11, 85-37, 82-0, 87-55, 54-77, 77-8, 68-68, 94-37, 101-24, 65-57, 68-25, 0-79, 41-87, 68-41.

• Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, made his comeback in the European Grand Masters in Ostend on Saturday after an operation on a poisoned appendix. Despite a break of 116, however, the former world champion was beaten 3-1 by Darren Morgan.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Warrington display best form to win full-blooded contest

By KEITH MACKLIN

Warrington ...

had been cooled down by right wing and, as he went quick intervention from the clear, he used Connolly as a referee and touch judges, two foil and swept round Lyon for overheated sides produced a a 45-metre try. Loughlin magnificent Regal Trophy quarter-final at Wilderspool The match was fought out with all the fury and commitment of a traditional derby game, and the result remained near the corner flag to clinch

success for Warrington. tempers were lost a little too swept past three defenders, easily in the heat of battle, and and appeared to have clinched

them with three goals.

who gleefully dived over.

Warrington line.

yet again and the full back,

Lyon, came up to score at the

influential forwards,

international selection. For St Helens, Evans, Ward and Mann strove mightily and

caused severe problems for

the Warrington defence in a

ROWING

Universities'

crews put

through paces

OXFORD and Cambridge women's boat clubs held their trial eights at Henley and Ely respectively at the weekend (Mike Rosewell writes).

Cambridge won both the heavyweight and lightweight boat races last March and their crews then went on to take the sold

then went on to take the gold and silver medals in the national

of these crews were involved in

a three-abreast trial race on Friday with two heavyweight and one lightweight crew participating.

The two heavyweight crews led after three minutes but the B

led after three minutes but the B crew then slipped back and the lightweights pushed through to edge a canvas verdict from the heavyweight A's after seven minutes. The coaches, Roger Silk and Ron Needs, continue in charge of the Light Blues and will be finalising the selection at

a training camp at Marlow in

early January.
Oxford, the underdogs in

recent years, have a new coach, Tessa Miller, for the heavy-weights. Coach to the successful Thames RC women's squad last

nships. Four members

full-blooded 80 minutes.

Once St Helens had got the bile out of their systems they settled down and scored a AFTER two early skirmishes worked wide to Hunte on the landed a fine goal and it was 6-6 at half-time.

The second half became a platform for the skills of Warrington's Australian stand-off half, O'Sullivan, in doubt until Lyon went over who has had an unfortunate season with hamstring trouble. He came to life with an In the opening 20 minutes, individual try for which he St Helens were the worst the game for Warrington when sufferers. They conceded three his kick ahead near the line

Rochdale Hornets give performance of round

outstanding performance of the Regal Trophy quarter-finals came from Rochdale Hornets, who have only won one first division game this season (Kenth division game this season (Kenn Mackim writes). They were given no chance at Castleford, but won 19-14, after leading 12-4. Joyner's 200th try, and another try from Keneridge put Castleford ahead, but Rochdale channel deserved victory with a chinched deserved victory with a try and a goal from Whitfield. Another surprise, though not

in quite the same category, came at Central Park on Saturday, where Bradford Northern's titantic defence hurled back waves of assaults by Wigan and paved the way for a 12-6 wm.

Wigan scored first with a try by Goodway, but Pendlebury dived over before half-time and Hobbs kicked the goal. A sec-ond-half try by Medley, in which he dribbled past a standstill defence, put Northern ahead, and there was no way through for Wigan after that. Witnes demolished Batley as

expected, scoring 11 tries and six goals in a 56-6 victory, with Offiah scoring four tries and Currier three. Davies scored a try and kicked six goals for Widnes.

WARRINGTON: D Lyon; D Drummond, A Bassman, & Mercer, C Pauti; C O'Sulliven, K Eller, N Harmon, D Mann, G Tees, B McGinty (autr. In Thomas), D Duffy (autr. R Prailips), P Cullen.

37 HELLINE: G Connoby: A Hunes, J Griffins, P Loughin, T Ropait; M Belley, P Bishop; S Grans, P Groves, K Ward, B Dwyer (autr. P Forber), G Mann, S Cooper. Bath were beaten 46-18 at home to Hensingham in the final qualifying round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup yesterday.

ICE HOCKEY

Racers unable to cope with barrage of goals

By Norman de Mesquita

Durham Wasps. Murrayfield Racers 6

DURHAM Wasps confirmed their position as favourites with a convincing win over Murray-field Racers at Whitley Bay on Saturday to take the Norwich Union Can for the third time in

The teams shared eight in the first period and were level at 5-5 midway through the second. But four goals in 107 seconds took Durham to a 9-5 lead at the second interval and they were never in danger after

Paul Smith, the Durham player-coach, agreed that the four-goal burst was crucial. "We did not play particularly well in the first period," he said, "but having worn them down slowly, once we got those four goals, it killed the game completely."

The Racers had some chances

carly in the third period and Tony Hand was guilty of the miss of the season when he did not even get his shot on target

CYCLO-CROSS

CYCLOSCIPANOS

SEVEN RC (8 miest): 1, P Beach (Amendo).

Som, 25ee; 2, A Bohm (Brisco) RC, at 2-06;

3, 5 Wason (Severn RC), at 3-50.

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K Mains (Charlotte).

Jim Mollard also missed a golden opportunity, although be did reduce the deficit shortly afterwards, Chris Salem was outstanding in the Durham goal and, as the Murrayfield coach, Archiv Menders origin. The shortly statement of the sale of the sal Archie Henderson, said: "It is amazing that he has not been included in the Great Britain

final period, the Wasps indulged in another scoring burst towards the end of the game which allowed Jason Hannigan to score his third and fourth goals and Michael Tasker, aged 17, to score his first in the

competition.

This was an appropriate chimzs for the Wasps whose squad included 11 locally bred players.

As Paul Smith said: "All our British players are from Dunham and it makes a big difference that they are playing for Durham city and fosters tremendous morale."

CRICKET SASTIFIELD SHEELD: Second day: South Australia 476 (D W Hoolies 178, W Philips S1; D Tazzlest 4-150); Guernshind 197-6 (G A High 67, S Monty 68).

FREESTYLE SKIING

ZERBRATT, Sangusterne: World Cape Man's mogale: 1, J. Smart (Cap.) 24.44pts; 2, E. Berthon (Fr) 24.13, 3, O Allamento (Fr) 23.64, Wannaria: mogalia 1, D. Weinforder (US) 24.39, 2 F. Marridd (Fr), 23.94, 3, 5 L. Hatterstad 24.39, 2 F. Marridd (Fr), 23.94, 3, 5 L. Hatterstad (Not), 23.40, North Smart, P. Laroche (Cap.)

Another show jumping double for Whitakers



Seasonal fare: John Lenssen in the Mince Pie Stakes at Olympia

Fuchs wins yet another car

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN and Michael Whitaker, who both failed to qualify for the jump-off of the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Saturday, had a measure of consolation at the Olympia international show jumping championships yes-terday when the Yorkshire-born brothers gained their second double of the show. John, the older brother, who

said he was "mad" rather than disappointed with the quarter of a time fault which kept him and Henderson Gammon out of the jump-off on Saturday, won the opening Modern Alarms Speed Stakes on Henderson Fonda.

It was his third win of the show and his second with Armand Tyteca's ten-year-old Belgian-bred mare who has won at a survey international shows a second with the brilliant ten-year.

John, relegated Fuchs to second place in the Crosse & Blackwell Knock-out riding Henderson Red Wings.
Afterwards Michael, who had

four faults with his top horse Monsanta in the World Cup qualifier, said he was not particularly worried about qualifying for the World Cup final in April for which he has 12 points. "There are four more qualifying rounds after Christng you only

RUGBY LEAGUE

injury - which none of the eight who followed could

Two of the favourites Germa ny's Otto Becker, on Pamina, and Britain's Nick Skelton, on Phoenix Park, both made mis-takes at fence five, cunningly sted off a corner by the Swiss course designer Paul Weier.
Fuchs, however, put paid to win in a World Cup Qualifier

Belgian-bred mare who has won at every international show at which she has competed since John started riding her in March.

Although their £1,250 win yesterday was small compared with the £13,000 Volvo car won by Thomas Fuchs of Switzerland in the World Cup qualifier—it brings Whitaker's purse for the show so far to £8,630.

Later yesterday Michael, who at \$15-year-old gelding, now recovered with the \$15-year-old gelding,

RUGBY UNION

NEDDLESEX UNDER-16 CUP FRAL: Lagmer Upper 36, Gennersbury 4. CLANSREGESHIRE CUP FRAL: Cambridge 10, Cantabrigions 9.

HOCKEY

Barrow inspires a defiant display from Gymkhana

ndian Gymkhana...

HAVANT numbled to their first defeat in the Poundstretcher National League at Feltham yesterday to leave their opposition, Indian Gymkhana, the only unbeaten side in the first

allowed a move by Havant to develop, despite the tireless work of Garcia, who worked hard in the second half to get the

Matters had begun to look ominous for Havant when Hill's shot from their third short corner hit a post. A quick break

contrived by Indian Gymkhana, who not only forced Havanı to play at a slower pace than desired, but also denied them the freedom to which they had Havant tried to break down

Gymkhana's stubborn defence, in which Barrow, the goal-keeper, proved unbeatable. Nothing went right for Havant, who squandered ten short

Also conspicuous in Gym-khana's defence were Davatwal, Daved and Khehar, all experi-enced campaigners who seldom front line working.
For long periods in the first

half, Indian Gymkhana stood up firmly to Havant's sustained attacks but were always quick to counter when the opportunity

teenth minute. Late in the first half, as Havant's pressure intensified, Barrow rescued Gymkhana by making two fine saves off

At the start of the second half, nent in attack. But the short corners poured in at the other end where Havant were having difficulty positioning them-selves for a shot, Eventually, when Hill was presented with a chance to score, he put his shot

It proved to be a slip in defence that broke the deadlock. With eight minutes to go, Lawson inadvertently put the ball on to the stick of Mirza, who set up a chance for the unmarked Bhaura to score with

a thundering shot. Havant's last chance to save the match arrived with their tenth short corner, which was well taken except that Hill could not find enough guile to bemuse save. Gymkhana finished the match with ten players. Flora having been temporarily sus-pended for a questionable

HAVANT: S Rowlands; D Ro S Lawson, D Faulkner (capt) Nail. C Cooper, S Avery, D

In the second division, Tro-jans were held to a 2-2 draw by

Brean, while Cambridge City were held to a I-I draw by Lyons

and lost their place at the top of the table to Bournville, who

defeated Canterbury 2-0. David Knapp scored all four goals for Guildford in their 4-1 win over

from the Nationwide Anglia Cup on Saturday after losing their postponed third round match 3-2 to Kest Grinstead.

Jason Lee scored all three goals for the winners. Welch and

In the other third round cur match, Havant were made to struggle for a 1-0 win over Taumon Vale, Hill scoring

against his old club from a

Castenskiold replied.

McPhun's first touch decisive for Stourport

Doncaster.

JOHN McPhun scored with his Clift was enough to give East first touch after his appearance Grinstead a 1-0 victory over as a substitute to help save the Cannock. day for Stourpart, who drew 4-4 with St Albans in the Poundstretcher National League first division match at Clarence Park yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

Murray Anderson scored three goals for St Albans, one three goals for St Atlants, one from a short corner, with Halliday adding to the score. Stourport's other scorers were Knott (two) and Roberts. Southgate scored four times

without reply against Iscar through Shaw, Gisborne, Love, from a short corner, and Welch. However, the match between the champions, Homslow, and Slough at Uxbridge fell through because one of the two umpires

failed to appear and a suitable substitute could not be found. estaley did well to beat Old

Hunnisett and Berry scoring for Bromley and Nick Thompson replying for Old Loughtonians.

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ENGLAND ended on a high Although Cath Johnson

A rejuvenated England team quickly put France under pres-sure. Sixsmith gave England the lead in the eleventh minute when she pushed in the rebound from Lisa Bayliss's corner, and she increased it three minutes later with a powerful drive.

SWIMMING

ENGLAND ended on a high note by lifting its game after two disappointing results for a 3-0 victory against France in the four nations' women's tournament at San Sebastian yesterday (Cathy Harris writes). The Netherlands, the world champions, won the tournament with an unbeaten record.

A rejuvenated England team quickly put France under pressure, Sixsmith gave England the Rival (Section, Hoogangus, Color), J. Samusth (Sumon Coldfield, M. France, Sixsmith gave England the Rival (Section, M. Sebesches), M. Sebesches, C. Du Rival, S. Licot, A. Bore Beschest.

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England, 3, 3, Spain, 3; 4, France, 0.

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drugs offenders.

The British Board Council
yesterday agreed to lobby the
International Amateur Athletic Federation to persuade it to adopt the hard line next year. BOXING: Johnny Nelson, of Britain, knocked out Markus Bott, of Germany, in the twelfth and final round to win the vacant European cruiserweigh: title in Karlsruhe on Friday.

• A federal judge in New Jersey has extended until January 17 lower court's restraining order preventing the World Boxing Council from stripping Evander Holyfield, the heavyweight champion, of his title.

 The first Soviet amateur team to compete in England scored a 5-2 win over the Lion Club at York Hall, Bethnal Green. • Danny Lear and Peter Berry were disqualified for "constant infringement of the rules" after a bout during the ABA junior championships at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on Saturday. REAL TENNIS: The world

his best tennis of the season to defeat the Australian amateur, Mike Happell, in the final of the Cos d'Estournel French Open championships at Bourdeaux. HOCKEY: A goal six minutes from time earned Asia victory over Europe and won them the inaugural five continents' classic in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. BASKETBALL: Wales finished

bottom in the European small nations' championship in Car-diff. A 69-62 defeat by Malta left them eighth, the same position they occupied when the tournament was played two years ago. Ireland ended in fourth position, after being beaten 75-70 by Luxembourg yesterday.

TABLE TENNIS: Calin Creanga, the Romanian exile who has signed for the Cleveland club, Ormesby, won on his first appearance in the British League at Brentwood yesterday. He scored straight-games vio-tories over two of England's most promising young players, Sean Gibson and John Holland, helping his team to a 7-1 victory

FOR THE RECORD FOOTBALL ICE HOCKEY BASKETBALL AMERICAN FOOTBALL CENTRAL AFRICAN CUP: Uganda 2, Sudan NATIONAL LEAGUE 667L: Setumory: Buffalo Bills 17, New York Glanks 13, Washington Reduking 25, New England Patriots 10. GOLF

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BOWLS COUNTY MATCHES: Burkshire 169, Dorset 130; Buckingkumshire 73, Stade 86, PASTERIN COUNTIES LEAGUE (LINDER-25): Essur 73, Norfolk 54.

RACKETS QREEN'S CLUB: Patric School champlon-shipe: Jim Deer Cap for Under-15a: First spand: P Stations to P Cardin, 15-2, 15-6; C Barrischie br. S. Roundell, 15-4, 15-1; R Carter br. R Peart, 15-4, 15-4; H Dingle br. R Thomson, 17-15, 15-9.

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SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First division; Feetherstone Rovers 46, Sationd
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LEAGUE Fret division: Leigh East 28
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Barrow 28 Battey 20, Hunder 5 Swindon
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Hashinhoto, 112; 3, B Bult (US), 82. Mort
BOOn; 1, U-1 May (Sen), 37.52mac; 2, D Jansen
(US), 37.50; 3, Y Miyabe, (Japen), 37.57.
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117/00; 2, Miyabe, 111; 3, A Balthvalov
(USSR), 105. 1,000m; 1, J Zhelezovald
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(USSR), 110h 14.41sac; 2, T Kuroline (Japen),
1:15.46; 3, N Thometr (US), 1:16.25, Overall
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Vostolick (Neth), 216.83, Overall (editor Wrose
1,500m; 1, A Sondral (Neth), 154.57; 3, L Vessor
(Hearl), 1:55.05, Overall (editor three 1500m;
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3, J O Koss (Nor), 56. SPEED SKATING

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3, A Rolley Portsmouth Northeast, 132.75.
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BASKETBALL

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Charlotte Homeis 97; Soston Callos 114,
Misterl Host 100; New York Kricks 125, New
Jersey Nets 104, San Antonio Spura 90, Minrescon Theoretokee 74; Chicago Bullet 116,
Cavelland Cavellers 98; Minerakee Bucks 98,
Los Angeles Ciopers 92; Hallesakee Bucks 98,
Los Angeles Ciopers 124; Incland Pacers
111; Soldien State Warefron 105; Secrement
117, Criendo Magic 103,
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Oldham 75; Derby 78, Sunderland 105; Pytter
72, Doncaster 114; Greaters 125; Cressin's 76,
Oldham 75; Derby 78, Sunderland 105; Pytter
72, Doncaster 114; Greaters 172, Pytter
104, 175; Harlesdan 64; Hermit Hempirised
50; Wira's 57.
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Menting 66, Gibratur 62. Upper 36, Gestmarsbury 4.
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Gayloniers 3, London Welsh 15; Old
Gayloniers 8, Plener and Grenomeries 14,
Old Pauline 9, Rosesh Alanor OE 22, Bank of
England & St Barthomer's Hospital 4, HAC
20; Southpale 9, Rostman 41; USC OE Boys 3,
Contaurs 38; Wendelsy 18, Thamselsons 12; West
London Institute 51, Old Hamptocilans 3,
BUCKS CUP: First requel: High Wycombs 77,
Buckinghem 0; Beaconsisted 8, Gebroiler 98,
Rostman 0; Beaconsisted 8, Selectible 18,
FORD ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Commer-Studie
Barting 18, Hartow 3; Canwey Leand 12,
Chiegiord 17; Romitord and Gidbe Park 23,
Masidon 10; Southpan 20, Woodford 9,
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CALIB MATCHER: Canabrier 34, Newtyn
Hartour Lights 28,
SCHOOLS MATCHER: Bedford Modern 12,
RGS High Wycombe 17; Chieleburst and
Sidoug 65 25, Derriford GG 4, Colley 14, John
Fisher 6; Guidford RGS 13, Piner XV 2;
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Med CHRESCHARLD: Interceptional cross opening: 1, R Quien (Scot), 33-on 20esc; 2, T Marchall (Scot), 33-on 20esc; 2, Scotlind, 48pts; 2, Northern Ireland, 47.
COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHARMON-International Country (Newsbury), 30-on 20esc (Newsbury), Womes: L Marchall (Newsbury), 30-on 20esc (Newsbury), Womes: L Marchall (Newsbury), 30-on 20esc (Brackmall), 32-37, Tossic Brackmall, 32-37, Tossic Brackm GOLIES, Asserbale: Black's trumsment-Leading fined scores: 27t: 1 Balan-Frech (Just), 68, 67, 67, 71. 27b: 11 Onvis (Aust), 68, 68, 70, 68, 75, 77, 27b: 11 Onvis (Aust), 68, 68, 70, 68, 77, 28b: 12 D Delong (US), 68, 70, 68, 77, 28b: P Lorent (Just), 57, 70, 72, 70, 28b: P McWhitmay (Aus), 74, 50, 68, 68, PALM MEADOWS, Asserbale: Women's Res-ters: Leading Suni scores: 28b: J Gaddies (US), 74, 68, 67; K Parter (US), 70, 74, 65, Gaddies won play-68, 21b: C Obbreh (Aust), 71, 68, 72, 21c: A Jones (Mus), 71, 71; J Wyselt (Can), 73, 70, 71, 29b: D Attenuescopers (US), 71, 75, 68; Y Grand (US), 71, 73, 71, 29b; O Pold (GB), 75, 71, 70; F Marregunts (Jupan), 71, 72, 73; N Hell (Juss), 72, 74, 71. SHIBBA HORE COUNTRES LEAGUE: Hardord-shim 147, Sugges, 144; Surrey 153, Middlesex 184. SECOND DIVISION: Doncester 0, Fulham 4: Ryedate-York 8, Huddersfield 7: Swin-ton 22, Hunsler 10; Hualton 38, Chortey 10; Dewsbury 7, Wordington 8: Runcom 12, Branley 13: Carisle 19, Leish 16; Whiteheven 12, Salford 36; Keighley 38, Nortingham 8. HOCKEY POUNDETRECUEN MATIONAL LEAGUE:
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Carmock D, East Grinsland 1; Solian GynIchans 1, Hevent C; Ispe D, Southpain 4; St.
Abjans 4, Stourport 4; Treddington 3, Welson 1;
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Brians 2. Trojans 2; Cambridge City 1, Lions 1;
Cartescray D, Bearmentin 2; Demosater 1,
Quiditord 4; Freshrands 0, Richmond D; Gore
Court 1, Transland Valle 2; Reading 1, Harborne
1; Westington 3, Brondouves 2;
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ERRET AND VOUND LEAGUE: Presider
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West Westwicks 1.
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TROND-EIM, Horsey: Hest: World Cap combined organ: 1, it Subtraction (Austral, 255.7pt; 2. T. Nordyren (Swa), 223.6; 3, F. Boerre Lancherg (Norl, 220.0; 4, J. Mantila (Fini, 216.4; 5, A Dunchlow (USSR), 214.6; 6, T. E. Edden (Norl), 211.5.

DAVOS: Rise: World Cap crass country aid relay race (a x 10urs); 1, Swedon I, Thr Oprin 12,05mc; 3, Norway, at 40.9. Chambiout eight (16urs); 1, V. Sozimov (USSR), 40ms (Sec.2, M. Abernallo (fit, et al., 1998); 2, Holm (196c; 2, M. Abernallo (fit, et al., 1998); 3, T. A. Abernallo, 4, Scott, 7, Sorial Union, Sorial 36, Societal (Austral, 1998); 3, T. A. Abernallo, 2, Mayer, 1997; 3, Albertallo, 2, Wennes (4 x Son); 1, Vanies (USSR), 1448, Son); 2, Union 18, 7sor; 3, Norway, Change, 2, Lyngorova (USSR), 41, Spot); 2, Lyngorova (USSR), 41, 436, Son); 1, Vanies (Sec.); 1, Vanies (USSR), 1448, Son); 2, Lyngorova (USSR), 31, 436, Son); 1, Lyngorova (USSR), 41, 1, 450, 450; 2, Lyngorova (USSR), 31, 1, Lyngorova (USSR); 3, 1, Lyngorova (USSR); 3, 1, Lyngorova (USSR); 3, Lyngorova (USSR); 4, Lyngorova (USSR); 4, Lyngorov PLOXING

YORK MALL: Jester Alla finate: Chass A: 42kg: D Ward (Small Hosels) bt B Gentry (Rosels), pts. 48kg: S Knethen) bt B Gentry (Rosels), pts. 48kg: S Knethen (Roschale) bt B Marrey (Wast Hard), pts. 48kc; I Goden (Roschale) bt S Marrey (Wast Hard), pts. 48kc; I Goden (West Hard) by I Proberty (Wast Hard), pts. 58kc; I Newford (Lawrell) bt T Proberty (Wast Hard), pts. 57kg; I Shearts (South Sank), pts. 57kg; II Shearts (South Bank), pts. 57kg; I Shearts (South Bank), pts. 57kg; I Shearts (South Bank), pts. 67kg; I Shearts (South Bank), pts. 67kg; I Shearts (South Bank), pts. 67kg; I Shearts (South Bank), pts. 48kg; I Private (Wast), pts. 58kg; I Lawr (Wast), pts. 58kg; I Sanky (Croydon), pts. 58kg; I Sanky (Groydon), pts. 58kg; I Sanky (TOULOUSE MASTERS: FE 30, Wellington 9; Queensland 16, Barbariens Samoens 10. Clean and West Warnicks O, Coverty and West Warnicks A. A. Cup: Third resect that Warnicks A. A. Cup: Third resect East Grissiand S, Southgas 2; Tauraon Vale O, Havart 1.

NORWICK Undon EAST LEAGUE: Preather division: Carries Noomada 1, Bury St Generands 1; Ford 1; Blueharts O, Harleston Magniss 1, Ipsach 3; Windows C, Preather division: Carries Country 1; Bognor O, Windows C, Country LEAGUE: Preather divisions C, Country 1; Bognor O, Windows C, Frenhand 2, Marden Russest C; O Midwhilestons 2; O Tauranniers S; Oxford Havids D, Camberley C; Stakes 1, High Wycombe 2; Turtricky White 1, Essicule O, Hampathe and Sarriey males: Net Police O, Cki Walcacolons 2; Kent and Sasses 1; High Wycombe 2; Helecombatens 1; Lioyds Bank 1; Torleidge D; Mid-Sussen 1; Greveword C; O Bonderism 1, Horston C; O Williamsoniers 1, Horston C; O Williamsoniers 1, Horston C; O Milliamsoniers 1, Horston C; O Milliamsoniers 2, Maddeness Before C, Assessivanders C, Middeness Before C, Assessivanders 2, Mid-Sussen C; O Milliamsoniers 2, Middeness Before C, Assessivanders 2, Mid-Sussen C; Division 4, World C; Harley T, Ouledch 2, Berblury 2, Darf O, Marriers P, Belling A, Speccel C.

ANY YARMS NORTHERN PREMIERS LEAGUE: Constant BADMINTON DENPRISAR, Incommitte World grend prix flows: New Singles E Kurniswam (Indo) bit R Sides (Melanysis), 18-13, 9-15, 15-2 Decision: E Harizon and Guranam (Indo) bit C S Kit and S B Klang (Melanysis), 15-6, 15-6. Women: Singles: 8 Susanti (Indo) bit T Justices (Calma), is -11, 11-5, 12-10. Doublest: L Caign and Y Fox (Canal) bit R Territoria and E Salestaningsh (Indo), 16-14, 15-10, Albard decision-ingen (Indo), 16-14, 15-10, Albard decision-Christianuon and G Magantsen (Det), 12-15, 15-6, 15-6. SNOOKER OSTEMD: European Grand Mesters: Counter-Spalls: D Morgan (Wales) bt C Thorburn (Can), 8-1; M Clark (Erg) bt J Spencer (Eng), 3-0; T Griffiths (Wales) bt N Bond (Eng), 3-0. SEK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Final qualifying round: Bath 18, Hensingham BIATHLON BIATHLUN

LES SAUSIES, Prance: World Capt Mee; 10km; nace; 1, S Schapflor (USSR), Zimin 48,5ec; 2, F Luck, (Gr), 29:42.2; 3, A Zingerie (H. 25:47.8, Women; 7.8km; cross-consenvy sext. 1, U Dist (Soc), Zimin 25,0se; 2, E Manikom, 49:58, 27:58.4; 3, K Morting (Ger), 27:45.8, 2, K Morting (Ger), 27:45.8, 2, L Sanciate (Liferia), 1, 124:34; 3, Korvey, 126:39 Devalte Union 1, 124:34; 3, Korvey, 126:39 Devalte Union 1, 124:34; 3, Korvey, 126:39 Devalte (USSR), 48, Women; 1, Dist, 51; 2, 5 France (USSR), 48, 31 Againston (USSR), 1, USSR 1, 1 Ryshift (USSR 1, 11) Store; 2, Morrowy, 128:30; 3, Italy, 136:50,4, 3mm; nelsy; 1, Sovier Gross & King, 156:50,4, 3mm; nelsy; 1, Sovier Gross & Link, 136:50,4, 3mm; nelsy; 1, Sovier Gross & Link, 136:50.

SCRIASH
SCOTTSH HATCOMAL CHARPONESHPS:
Group & C Kesh, (Manchester) bt T Rutherford (CCSC), 9-4, 9-7, 9-2, P Nicol (Aberdeen)
bt R Waterston, Edinburgh), 9-2, 9-1, 9-4.
Kesh bt Nicol, 9-1, 9-4, 9-2, Pusherlord bt
Waterston, 3-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-7, Group & M
Heeth (Basgow Led) bt J Yarrow, (Broup of Alen), 9-1, 9-3, 9-3, 9-5, 9-7, Group bt
Susterino (Paratton), 9-6, 9-9-8, Sutherland bt Yarrow, 9-9, 10-8, 9-1, Sword bt Heeth
3-0, 9-4, 9-4, Group bc, 9-1, Sword bt Heeth
3-0, 9-4, 9-4, Group bc, 9-1, 9-2, 9-7,
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Thomson (Brooming) br 1 Cesterd (Twickeshem), 9-7, 4-2 (read), 0 Gordon (SSRC) at A
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tomocock),
MELSHEEC Flanks (Open watershy change) Kingstoris 4, Weylordige 1; Partley 1, Outstell 12. Bertholm 4, Species 0.

AW YARRIS NORTHIGHEN PRESIDER LEAGUES Sacidom 1, Rungarinis 2.

APPROACH 1: Farshy 0, Nation 1: Compension 0, Harrogna 2 Sheffish Benkers 1.

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LANCASHIEC CLP: Sumi-Runie: Formby 1, Waynington 2.

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Q-6, 6-4, 5-1, 3-6, 6-4 Sent-finals: L Deuchte
(Aust) bit J Show, 5-6, 6-1, 5-5, 6-1; M Happel
(Aust) bit J Happel, 6-1, 5-2, 6-0; Doustlee:
Sent-finals: R Fatney and P Notre (Aust) bit M
hayward (Aust) and M (Booling, 5-4, 5-4; 3)
Howell and G Bray bit C Renderson and N
Wood, 6-2, 6-3 Gestin A studies: Sent-finals:
A Oliver bit J Cook, 4-6, 5-3, 6-2; I Prisecos bit
C Charca (FT), 6-0, 6-2. Final: Offer bit
Heysicos, 6-3, 6-2. LACROSSE

RARAEVI: World Care Nett 1, M Prock Chastrial, John SEASS nor, 2, G Hack (Gor), 1:22:288; 3, M Schmid (Austria), 1:22:313. Women: 1, G Websensteiner (I), 1:22:865; 2, S Erdmann (Ren. 1:29:865; 3) J. Authore

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MATIONAL WONESP'S LEAGUE: Britannis bt
Brison Krighas, 3-1.
ROYAL BAINT SCOTTISH CUP: None Yeard
roand: Elicit Sports Juss 3, Wassierhalian
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Team Rossport 3, Inversiyde 0, Su Ragazzi ii
3, Tuem Pfile 0; Ediriburgh University 0,
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Adspress Kyle 3, Investyde 0, Gregoburn
Couches 2, Krystal Kleer 2, Trinky 1,
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Jets 0, Coethridge 3; Elliot Sports Jets 3,

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England work off effect of mourning after

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BRISBANE IT IS coming to something when the England cricket team can take comfort from a 37-run defeat by Australia, but that was what was happening here last night.

Even if there was not champagne spraying from the dressingroom balcony, there was still a noticeable change of mood in an England camp which, 24 hours earlier, had descended into a state of mourning after another abject effort against New Zealand.

By rousing themselves from such depths to pursue 284 against Australia with a vigour which might, but for two run-outs, have been successful, England proved to themselves, and not a moment too soon, that they are not as bad

as they were having us believe.
The possible benefits of this do not relate to the World Series Cup competition in which England, despite their contrariness, should still qualify for the finals unless

Hobart tomorrow. More important, by far, is that England are at last emerging into the real world of first-class cricket with something resembling an encouraging day behind them.

Anyone with a passing knowledge of cricket tours could have divined from England's itinerary that to lose the first Test badly would be a prejude to a month of searching for form and confidence in the wrong environ-ment. The result is that, in the past 16 days, England have played eight one-day games and lost six of them, generally with

few redeeming features.

The schedule was devised for financial and logistical reasons connected with one-day cricket and sanctioned, extraordinarily, by a touring team whose needs were never part of the equation. Its curse is that England now have only one four-day game, starting in Ballarat on Thursday, before resuming an Ashes series which,

With that in mind, there were gains from this weekend of two defeats, primarily the partial rehabilitation of Graham Gooch, the England captain. He batted for almost four hours over the two games and, while dismissing his scores of 48 and 41 as "nothing to shout about", he is slowly but perceptibly regaining

The calm and positive spin bowling of Tufnell and the bat-ting of Alec Stewart were further bonuses. Ten days ago, the recall of Stewart seemed to be based on flimsy evidence but, yesterday he was a revelation, his fluent 40 from 35 balls casting concern around every Australian face.
Stewart has totalled 235 runs in

six innings, three of them not out. He has, in fact, only been dismissed once by a bowler in that period and his second runout, yesterday, would surely have

father, Micky Stewart, to send for some sedatives if he was not going frantically into reverse. already drugged up against the effects of a chest infection.

This was the sixth run-out England have suffered in three internationals. All have involved batsmen in the top seven and most have been the result of aberrations. Gooch, discussing this last night, agreed that its cause lay in the anxiety and shortage of confidence in the

Much the worst sight of yesterday was that of Robin Smith pushing gently towards Allan Border's left hand at short midwicket, setting off neurotically for

World Series Cup

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REMAINING COLALIFYING MATCHES Tomorrous: Australia v England (Sydney). Jan 10: Australia v England (Melbourne). Florais: Jan 12: Sydney, Jan 15: Melbourne.

Smith has yet to reach 50 in an international game on the tour. He made 41 on Saturday, though not with conviction, and dropped two places down the order to No.5 yesterday. His dismissal betrayed his tension and he ranks high in the list of England's Worries.

So, too, does Devon Malcolm. Melbourne, with the uneven bounce it has offered of late, is the place where Malcolm could be most effective but there must first be a repair job on his morale. His confidence was not high going into this weekend and it became non-existent in a bizarre six overs on Saturday, in which he conceded 43 runs and bowled two wides and three no-balls.

England's selection against New Zealand was baffling. Having beaten them two days earlier with an attack which worked effectively, they broke it up for no

second spinner, was left out for Malcolm and Bicknell was rested. Surely this was flawed thinking. All England needed to do, to be certain of their finals place. was beat New Zealand on Saturday. It was not the time for rests and experiments; they could be implemented once the victory had been achieved. Instead, admittedly armed with an inadequate 203, England bowled so

badly Gooch was obliged to

concede that they could not have defended 240. England reverted to plan A yesterday but came up against the hurricane named Dean Jones. In making 145 from 136 balls, the highest one-day international score by an Australian, Jones became the only player in the world to average above 50 at this form of the game. It was his seventh century and, although he does not rate it his best, it was rivetingly inventive batting once he had overcome a shaky start

Jones, in this mood, is almost

could operate in luxury with Geoff Marsh playing an ideal role at the other end. Their secondwicket stand of 185 beat their own Australian record and, with 90 coming from the last ten overs. Australia's total was their highest against England.

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To beat them, England had to make one run fewer than their own one-day record, batting second. When Larkins, whose retention is ever more mystifying, was out early, Lamb was promoted to join Gooch and for more than an hour they kept the game alive. They fell in consecutive overs from Greg Matthews, closely followed by the two run-outs, and apart from some spirited hitting from DeFreitas, the challenge was never serious thereafter, as Australia remained on course to be the first team to win every game in their World Series Cup programme.

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all wasteful Palace deserve

Crystal Palace Luton Town....

December 30, they entertain the air. Liverpool, eight points above Although that happened to them, in a fixture to be be the source of the winner, televised live.

for the first time this season to reinforce their defence by operating with a sweeper, Palace's victory was predictable even before Bright claimed the lone goal from adventurous, though, Palace Salako's measured cross mid-

way through the first half numerous ways in which to instinctive reactions, was later squander promising openings, their smallest crowd of the to apply the finishing touch. season might have witnessed their biggest League win. Considering the high quality Vic Callow, the referee, of their forwards, their total of played as obtrusive a role as goals continues to be dis- anybody during the chilly proportionately low. In 17 matches so far, they have

scored only 26. The tactics of their opponents are partially responsible. Everybody seems to play against us with a sweeper, nowadays." Steve Coppell, their manager, said. He takes that as a compliment to Wright and Bright but he admitted that, surprisingly, he has yet to devise methods of countering the system in

For all their lavish pos-.. 0 session, Palace's approach was often misdirected. In spite of CRYSTAL Palace have lifted flank, they centred their atthemselves above Tottenham tacks on the area where Luton Hotspur into third place and were numerically strongest. could climb closer to the Beaumont, Dreyer and leaders of the first division McDonough were comfortbefore the new year. On able as long as the ball was in

the standard of the rest of That prospect is enthralling. Palace's crosses was poor. Yesterday's game was not. Nevertheless, Coppell felt that Although Luton Town chose before the interval his side played as well as they have for a while and I thought we were unlucky not to be further ahead".

Once Luton became more were inevitably more producuve. Wright, denied on one If Palace had not contrived occasion by Chamberlain's

afternoon. As well as booking four players, Preece, Williams, Thomas and McDonough, he spoke at length to six others and also to Coppell for "stand-

and also to Coppell for "standing outside the dugout".
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Referee: V Cellow.

Bright's goal is Little big man saves the picture on a bad day for small screen

their quality shone through to

suggest that, like the two Manchester clubs and Totten-

ham, Leeds are close to

providing a serious challenge

Everton have slipped a long

way in the three years since

they provided the main chall-

enge to Liverpool Howard

marked improvement since

the defeat at Wimbledon three

weeks ago, but although Wat-son and Ratcliffe defended

solidly and Ebbrell and McCall ran as if their lives

depended on it, there was little

came on in a double

sustitution just after the hour,

they had hardly mounted a

single attack of any merit, and

it said everything about them

that they did not seriously test

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MATCH FACTS

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LEEDS UTD

to the two leading sides.

Leeds United. THERE were a few purple patches, but for most of yesterday afternoon Leeds were competent rather than inspired for the television cameras. It was all they needed to be to defeat Everton, whose hopes of providing meaningful resistance were effectively ended

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tance were effectively ended by two goals in the first 25 by two goals in the first 25 In Everton's state, the game

had always looked a doubtful choice for ITV's first live match at Elland Road, and so it proved, with Leeds fading after a bright spell. "Just when you want things to happen, they don't," Howard Wil-kinson said afterwards. "It wasn't as good a performance as others in the last month,

but that's football." The exception who ensured that the cameras' presence was not completely wasted and, to the surprise of no one, won the man of the match award was Strachan. "I'm enjoying my football as much in this side as I've ever done," the little Scot remarked, and his talent again lit up a murky afternoon.

With the combative Batty, the touches and vision of McAllister and the running of Speed to complement their captain, Leeds have a midfield to match any in the country. Even on an afternoon when they did not touch the heights, Lukic until the 82nd minute.

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Strachan 17 (pen),

G Snodin 82 (Speed)

At Elland Road.

Shots (on target/total) Corners (left/right) Crosses (left/right) Free kicks/pens concect Cautions/sendings off

LEEDS

TOO many top-class sportsmen and

women are over-training and risk-

but also injuries and illnesses

because of the stress on their bodies.

sports medicine about the harmful

effects of over-training. We asked

expens for their views on physical

stress following the comments by

Steve Backley, the British javelin-thrower who holds the world record,

that his ambition of adding the

world and Olympic gold medals to

his European title could find him

ending up as a "millionaire or a

Backley says: "At 21, I'm only too

aware that I'm wrecking my body by

throwing two or three times a week.

The strain is constant and enor-

mous, both physically and psychologically." He describes his

throwing cibow as a "mess".

cripple in a wheelchair".

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Effectively, Everton's cause First division was lost almost before the game began. Ebbrell, whose eagerness strays into impetuosity, missed the first chance of the game as Beagrie's cross reached him on the edge of the area and compounded his error by bringing down McAllister as

the Scottish international exchanged passes with the vibrant Shutt and bore in on "When you've got the best goalkeeper in the world behind you, you don't need to make rash challenges," Ken-dall said pointedly, "because

there was less chance of beating him from an angle than there was from the penalty spot." The goal opened up the midfield log-jam and for the

next 20 minutes Leeds brgan to flow smoothly forward as Strachan and McAllister weaved some delightful patterns and Shutt provided a ready outlet.

Two moves in that period typified the inventiveness. From the first, Shutt produced a corner as he collected a diagonal pass on the wing and centred almost in one movement, and from the corner he scored as he met Sterland's flick at the far post. The second, if anything, was

even more satisfying, the ball flowing from Strachan at inside left forward to Batty at outside right. Batty waited for McAllister to overlap before releasing him for a centre, which this time came to nothing as Watson rose to

For a time it looked as if Everton might be overrun, but their spirit at least could not be faulted and they held on determinedly. Slowly Leeds were dragged back into a slogging match. Everton's lack of confidence was visible as Beagrie volleyed over from a good position and then elected to pass when an even better opportunity presented itself.

Finally, the arrival of Nevin to run at the Leeds defence suggested that an Achilles heel was there to be exploited, but McCall hit the terracing as another chance arrived and, by the time Cottee at last forced Lukic to make a real save, the die was cast.

Leeds had moved that bit closer to the top; but greater challenges lie ahead, with Liverpool just around the corner. "We'll see how we're matching up at the end of January, that'll be the bench-mark," Wilkinson said.

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The dangers of stretching the limits of training

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COMMENT

ing not only failure in competition Professor Harms Knipers, a Dutch physiologist and former world speed skating champion, An survey by The Times shows says: "People think that the more there is widespread concern in training you do the more benefit you will get; that the sky is the limit. In fact, the improvement curve flattens out as the volume increases and eventually dips back down to the baseline." The problems created by over-

training have been emphasised in recent years because of the improvement in standards and the pressure. sometimes financial, to succeed. There is more evidence of overtraining in individual, rather than team, sports, partly because a solitary athlete is responsible for his own success or failure.

Professor Knipers insists: "The

most important component of training is the recovery phase."

can include injury and premature fatigue, often shown by an elevated resting pulse. However, a couple of days' rest can usually alleviate the

> Long-term over-training is more gradual and serious. Athletes begin to hate training. They have sleeping disorders and reduced appetites and weight loss, as well as constant tiredness. In research studies, the levels of testosterone, the male hormone, and particularly plasma glutamine, an amino acid which is an essential fuel for the kidney and blood cells, all seem to have been significantly lower. After a period of

rest, these have returned to normal. After examining research, Eric Newsholme, Professor of Bio-chemistry at Oxford, concludes that acute and chronic reductions in plasma glutamine levels may be, at least in part, responsible for the immuno-suppression reported following periods of severe exercise

or training. John Atkinson, the technical director of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, talks of three leading competitors several years ago, one of whom suffered from anorexia, another from a skin infection and a third from a nervous disorder.

A report by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council has said that there is no evidence that activities like jogging - particularly if they are carried out in a recreational manner - bring with them a measured risk of arthritis. But Dr Ivan Williams, the medical director of the Horder Centre for Arthritis in Crowborough, thinks there is a lot of circumstantial evidence of arthritis occurring in outstanding

Dr Dan Tunstall Pedoe, of the London Sports Medicine Institute, points out that if intensive training were as bad as some people had

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competitors.

made out, then a disproportionate number of former competitors would be suffering from arthritis. Dr Peter Sperryn, author of Sport and Medicine, points out that the first cohorts of heavy trainers are only now becoming middle-aged.

Yet as Dr Roger Hackney, an Olympic steeplechaser, says: "An experienced coach should know when an athlete should be taking a day's rest or a week off. More training is leading to better performance. It is the survival of the fittest. If you're going to take off a couple of days a week, then the people who can cope with training on those days will win the gold

physiologist at the British Olympic Medical Centre at Harrow, said:

John Koutedakis, the chief "Rest is an evil word for most athletes and coaches."